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Stoke's Adrian Heath (featured  
on Page 17) is marked closely  
by Notts County's Pedro  
Richards.

# KEEGAN



Terry  
McDermott:  
"Kevin  
Keegan has  
breathed  
new life into  
Newcastle."

## Exclusive

**TERRY** McDermott talks to  
'Match' about his  
£100,000 return to  
Newcastle.

The former England  
midfielder, who enjoyed  
eight trophy-winning years  
at Liverpool, tells why he  
turned aside lucrative  
offers from abroad to join  
Newcastle.

**KEVIN** Keegan is the  
reason I've returned to  
Newcastle United.

My former England and  
Liverpool team-mate has  
breathed new life into the club  
and the whole place is buzzing  
again.

Kevin's arrival at St James' Park  
shows just how ambitious the club  
are and I'd dearly love to help  
Newcastle become a football force  
again.

I love the city and the club but  
the fact that Kevin is up here was  
the biggest factor in my decision  
to rejoin them.

I love the city of Liverpool and I  
didn't really want to move this far  
away, but the opportunity at  
Newcastle was too good to miss.

Before signing for the club, I  
rang Kevin and he told me that  
there's more potential here than  
anywhere in the country.

## Starved

If we can get a winning side  
together, there's no end to what  
we can achieve. We've already got  
the fans.

Every city needs a successful  
football team and Newcastle are  
no exception. The fans are  
desperate for success. They've  
been starved for too long.

Three or four years ago,  
Newcastle were really struggling  
and it choked me to see my old  
team doing so badly.

The place was a shambles —  
home matches were only  
attracting crowds of about 8,000  
and the fans were losing interest.

Now they can see a light at the  
end of the tunnel and the  
supporters are flocking back to St  
James' Park. The atmosphere up  
here is unbelievable.

After a great start, Newcastle  
have slipped down the second  
Division table this season, but I see  
no reason to panic.

As long as we don't fall too far  
behind the leaders, we've got a  
chance of gaining promotion.  
Remember where Liverpool were  
in the First Division last Christmas.



# LURED ME TO NEWCASTLE

## says **TERRY McDERMOTT**

I'm not saying that we can repeat Liverpool's incredible run but, under the current three points for a win system, it's easier to make up lost ground.

The players at the club are certainly determined to gain promotion. The enthusiasm running through the club is unbelievable. Everyone is so keen to do well.

I've never played in the Second Division before so I'm going into new territory. But I'm not scared of the challenge. I've played in all the other divisions and I'm confident I can handle this one.

Anyway, I'm hoping that my stay in the Second Division will be a short one. Promotion to the top flight this season is my priority.

I'd love to be playing for Newcastle at Anfield in a League fixture next season. I'm only 30 and believe I've still got something to offer the First Division.

I've actually taken a pay cut to join Newcastle. I could have sat in the Liverpool reserves all season and picked up good money or gone abroad and made a tidy packet.

Clubs from France and West Germany wanted to sign me and the money was very good, but I didn't want to leave England.

Money isn't everything. Being happy in your work is important and I don't think I'd have enjoyed myself on the continent.

Obviously, if I hadn't managed to fix myself up by the end of this season I'd have seriously thought about going to a foreign club.

But there's no better place to play than the English League and I don't believe there's much difference nowadays between the First and Second Divisions.

The performances of newly-promoted Watford and Luton this season has proved the gap isn't very wide.

There was talk of me joining Manchester City but I never spoke to their manager John Bond.

I gather that he thought I was too old — he was looking to sign younger players. That's fairly ironic because a few days later, I was told that he'd made inquiries

about England's former World Cup winner Martin Peters. He's nine years older than me!

Leaving Liverpool wasn't a difficult decision for me in the end. After all, I wasn't getting a regular first team place.

All good things must come to an end and I've got no regrets about leaving Anfield. I believe I'm doing the right thing.

I would have come to the end of my contract at Liverpool at the end of this season so I half expected to be faded out of the first team picture.

I didn't enjoy the experience but you've got to face facts and accept when it is time to leave.

I've got no doubts that my old team will carry on winning trophies. You could take two or three regulars out of that side and they'd still have their hands on some silverware at the end of the season.

I won my fair share in a tremendous career at Anfield, but the highspot has to be the night we beat Borussia Moenchengladbach 3-1 in Rome back in 1977.

### Emotional

It was our first European Cup win and came just days after the disappointment of an FA Cup Final defeat by Manchester United.

Saying goodbye to the Anfield fans was a very emotional moment for me. Even though the move wasn't cut and dried, the supporters gave me an overwhelming welcome when I came on as substitute against Southampton in my last League appearance for the club.

I've always had a good relationship with the fans at Liverpool — they are among the best in the country.

In many ways, the Liverpool and Newcastle supporters are very similar. They've both got a passion for the game.

I've left one set of great fans to join another. I only hope I can help Newcastle repay them with some success.

● Terry McDermott was talking to Anthony Hawksell.



Mike Channon (left) and Kevin Keegan re-united for a brief spell at St James' Park.

## CHANNON'S WARNING

**FORMER England striker Mike Channon warned:**

"Newcastle still have a long way to go before they are good enough to win promotion to the First Division."

Mike, whose contract at St James' Park was cancelled 'by mutual consent' after just a month with the club, says: "The potential is there but it's going to take time to come out."

"There's no such thing as a miracle in football — success doesn't happen overnight," said Mike, who spoke to 'Match' a day before leaving Newcastle.

"Obviously class players like Terry McDermott and Kevin Keegan are going to help but they face a difficult job. There are a lot of youngsters in the side."

"The Second Division is a man's division and it's very tough to get out of. Newcastle don't have the experience at the moment."

"Their inexperience has cost them points already this season. They've been bullied out of games," claimed Mike, who was released on a free transfer by Southampton at the end of last season.

"There's nothing wrong with the attitude at Newcastle. That's absolutely tremendous."

"The time and work they put into their game is unbelievable. Everyone is totally committed to bringing the club success."

"The city is crying out for success but they may have to wait some time yet. I'm sure they are on the right lines but it's a long-term job."





Brian Kilcline — he was persuaded to turn down the chance of playing for Eire youths.

## WISE ADVICE FOR KILCLINE

IF Notts County defender Brian Kilcline makes the grade at international level, England will have County's general manager Jimmy Sirrel to thank.

It was the shrewd Scot who persuaded Brian to turn down the chance to play for Eire youths in the hope that one day he might be called up by England.

Brian qualified for Eire as both his parents were born there, but Jimmy didn't want him to commit himself to a country so early in his career.

And that judgment has proved spot-on with Brian included in the England Under-21 squad for the recent UEFA clash in Denmark.

"While it was a great thrill for me and my parents when I received confirmation of my inclusion, the first thing I did was to read the details of where to meet and the itinerary for the trip.

"I suppose you have to be down to earth about these things at some stage."

## Graham's give-away

TRUE to the family and club spirit that prevails at Watford, manager Graham Taylor gave away his £500 cheque and gallon bottle of whisky he received from Bell's Scotch Whisky to mark the club's meteoric rise to the First Division.

He donated the cheque to striker Ross Jenkins' testimonial fund and the whisky to a married couple of Watford fans chosen at random on their way into the ground.

■ **FORMER** Manchester United star George Best scored two goals as a Ron Atkinson XI lost 4-3 to a Ray Graydon XI in the Ford/Kyle Memorial Match at Oxford.

Among the goalscorers for Ray Graydon's side was current Bristol Rovers manager Bobby Gould.

■ **WHAT** a debut for Chelsea new boy David Speedie.

Signed in the summer from Fourth Division Darlington, he took his chance with both hands by scoring the goals in Chelsea's 2-0 home win over Oldham.

## BRUCE HAS ENGLAND AMBITIONS

LIVERPOOL goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar wants to play for England.

The only snag is that he has represented his native country, Zimbabwe, in a World Cup tie and that should make him ineligible.

But extrovert Bruce isn't giving up that easily.

"There have been cases of South American internationals coming to Europe and playing for their adopted countries, so I've got my fingers crossed the same could happen to me," he says.

Manager Bob Paisley has no doubt that, given the opportunity, Bruce could realise his ambition.

"He certainly has the ability to be the best in the country," he says.

■ **NEW** York Cosmos, with Coventry's Steve Hunt in their side, clinched their fifth North American League Championship in 11 years with a 1-0 win over Seattle Sounders.

The crucial goal came from their Italian star Giorgio Chinaglia.

## In the red, but United are smiling

ALTHOUGH Manchester United are about to announce a record loss of around £2 million, chief executive Martin Edwards refuses to be downhearted.

"The blossoming off-the-field activities at Old Trafford will bring in well over £1 million this year," he says.

"We believe the large sums we spent on transfers have been well spent and we should soon see the benefit of that in terms of results.

"We've bought some fine footballers and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

■ **LITTLE** Lou Macari didn't waste time in making his mark for Manchester United this season.

After several matches as non-playing substitute, he scored within nine minutes of his appearance at Southampton, and the goal took United to the top of the League.

## A GUIDE TO THE GROUNDS

DID you know that Plymouth have a stand for disabled people and that only 14 League clubs have some form of pitch protection?

If you didn't, then a new guide to Football League grounds, their facilities, locations and prices is a must for your bookshelf.

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# ALVIN AIMS TO MUSCLE IN!

**WEST** Ham defender Alvin Martin, a late inclusion in England's squad for Denmark, is ready to fight for a permanent place in the international side.

He looked certain to be England's centre-half for the World Cup Finals before two shoulder injuries put a damper on his hopes.

But now Alvin is ready to issue a fresh challenge to the present England number five Terry Butcher by turning it on for his club.

"I've lost just over a stone in weight

since getting back in training," says Alvin, who was on the subs bench for the Denmark game following the withdrawal through injury of Liverpool's Phil Thompson.

"I've also bought myself some weights to use at home because I want to build up my body strength, particularly above the waist.

"Now I'm going to concentrate on doing well for West Ham. It's no good setting yourself any targets without consistently producing the goods for your club first."

## DAVE'S BIG MATCH IS REARRANGED

**DAVE** Armstrong's surprise recall to the England squad for the European Championship tie in Denmark forced him to hurriedly re-arrange his wedding.

He was due to get married in Southampton on the Monday England flew out to Copenhagen.

So he brought the wedding forward four days. "When I arranged the wedding, I had to make sure that it didn't clash with any midweek dates," said the former Middlesbrough player.

"I did not consider the international game because I never expected to be included."

# MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

## Falco fights on...

**MARK** Falco (right), the youngster who hit the headlines with Tottenham early last season, is staying at White Hart Lane despite finding himself in the reserves.

"Obviously I'm not happy playing in the reserves — who would be after sampling First Division football?" he asks.

"But I'm not about to throw in the towel here and leave.

"All I ever wanted to do was play first team football for Tottenham. I've got two years left on my present contract, and during that time I'm determined to win back my place.

"It won't be easy with Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks as the first choice strikers, but I've got plenty of confidence in my ability.



## Jack fears for Leeds

**DESPITE** suffering a 3-2 home defeat at the hands of Yorkshire neighbours Leeds, Sheffield Wednesday manager Jack Charlton doesn't believe his old club will make an immediate return to the First Division.

"They haven't got an easy task at all," says big Jack. "They've got to change the way they play to cope with teams who come at them like a ton of bricks.

"They've got away with it up to now, but not for much longer, I fear. There's a lot to learn, and I feel they'll need more than a year to learn enough to take them out of this division.

"Mind you, you could never trust Eddie Gray to do the obvious as a player. You never knew what he was capable of.

"Maybe it'll be the same now he's managing Leeds. I hope they

make it, but somehow I don't think they will."

■ **SUPER** sub! That's Oxford United's Andy Thomas.

Thomas scored in three successive appearances as substitute to help enable Oxford become the last remaining Football League club with a 100 per cent record.

■ **FIRST** Division Norwich have gone Dutch.

They have signed 19-year old midfielder Dennis Van Wijk on a free transfer from Ajax.

■ **FRANCIS** Joseph, Brentford's £40,000 summer signing from Wimbledon, made a dramatic start at Griffin Park by scoring in the Third Division side's first four League games.



Alvin Martin — ready to fight for a permanent England place.



# THREE-PAGE INTERNATIONAL

## Settled Evans hopes for call-up

**NEXT** Wednesday throws up a feast of international football with Scotland, Northern Ireland and Eire all involved in vital European Championship ties and England taking on World Cup runners-up West Germany in a prestige friendly at Wembley.

'Match' looks ahead to the big matches through the eyes of four players with special stories to tell...



Allan Evans — wondering.

ASTON Villa's Allan Evans hopes his early season injury and contractual dispute have not jeopardised his Scotland chances.

The big defender missed three of Villa's first five League games through injury at a time when his future with the European Champions was in some doubt.

But now all is sweetness and light in the centre of the Villa defence.

Allan expects to sign another year's extension to his six-year contract, and Scottish team-mate Ken McNaught has settled his differences with the club.

The net result is that Villa have recovered from a disastrous start and Allan has recaptured the kind of form that won him Scottish recognition last season.

But he realises there is a real dog fight for places in the Scotland team for the opening European Championship clash with East Germany in Glasgow next week.

"There are a lot of defenders fighting for places and one doesn't know what plans

manager Jock Stein has for the future," says Allan, who lost his place to Aberdeen's Willie Miller after Scotland's opening World Cup match against New Zealand.

"There has been a lot of talk about experienced players being left out, but we shall just have to wait and see.

"From my point of view, my early season problems may count against me.

"Jock Stein saw me in action at Manchester City last month but I was making my comeback and I wasn't fully fit."

Allan knows whatever team Jock chooses is guaranteed a tough baptism against the East Germans.

Scotland haven't played them for five years, but Villa met their top club side last season en route to their European Cup success.

"I was quite impressed with Dynamo Berlin last season and I thought they were the best side we met prior to the Final," says Allan.

"They were very well organised and, if their national side adopts the same kind of pattern, they will be difficult to break down.

"They had an international player up front called Reidiger who is one of the quickest forwards I have ever come across.

"If he plays, he'll cause a lot of problems."

Of his future on the club front, Allan says: "There's still some negotiating to do, but at the end of the day I expect to extend my contract to seven years."

"I have said in the past that I would be quite happy to spend the rest of my playing days at Villa because it is a great club.

"But one or two things happened in the close season that made me have second thoughts.

"I felt the directors were being stubborn over one or two points.

"It was a shame it had to happen because I have always wanted to stay at Villa.

"But now it looks as though agreement has been reached."

## THE GROUPS

### EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

**GROUP ONE:** Belgium, East Germany, SCOTLAND, Switzerland. First match: Oct 6 — Belgium v Switzerland.

**GROUP SIX:** N. IRELAND, West Germany, Austria, Albania, Turkey. *Results so far:* Austria 5, Albania 0.

**GROUP SEVEN:** EIRE, Spain, Holland, Iceland, Malta. *Results so far:* Iceland 1, Holland 1; Holland 2, Eire 1.

## PAST ENCOUNTERS

**EIRE v ICELAND:** Aug 12, 1962 (EC) Dublin 4-2. Sept 2, 1962 (EC) Reykjavik 1-1.

**SCOTLAND v EAST GERMANY:** Oct. 30, 1974 Glasgow 3-0. Sept 7, 1977 East Berlin 0-1.

**AUSTRIA v NORTHERN IRELAND:** July 1, 1982 (WC) Madrid 2-2.

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# ... SCOTLAND V EAST



# SPECIAL: EIRE V ICELAND ... BANNED BILLY WARNS AUSTRIA

BURNLEY striker Billy Hamilton will be one frustrated footballer when Northern Ireland open their European Championship campaign in Austria.

The 25-year-old Second Division forward will be serving a one-match international ban, a legacy of his 'warring' in the World Cup Finals last summer.

And the Austrians will be relieved that the burly striker will be sitting in his Lancashire home instead of creating havoc in Vienna.

For it was Billy who ended Austria's World Cup hopes with both goals in Ireland's fighting 2-2 draw that kept alive their own dreams for another ninety minutes.

"I picked up a couple of bookings in the World Cup

Finals. Both were a bit of a mystery to me, but I didn't think it was worth appealing against the automatic suspension," says Billy, who already has one hat-trick to his credit this season.

"I would love to play in Vienna next week because, having scored twice against Austria in the summer, my confidence would have been high and they wouldn't have looked forward to seeing me again.

"It's going to be a tough start for the Irish team because the Austrians will be a much different proposition on their own ground.

"They are normally a very attack-minded team, and, having already beaten Albania 5-0 in the competition, they will be hard to contain in front of their own fans.

"But, in saying that, our

performances in Spain have given the team a tremendous boost and we all learned a lot.

"So, while we respect Austria, we by no means fear them.

"I think we proved once and for all in Spain that we can no longer be considered an easy touch in international terms."

Billy's absence from the Austrian match could spell danger for European Champions West Germany, who visit Belfast in Northern Ireland's second match next month. "I can let out my frustration against the Germans," he says.

"It will be our first appearance in Belfast since the World Cup Finals and we can be guaranteed a rousing welcome.

"In that kind of atmosphere, we are capable of achieving a result against any team.

"There is no doubt that the gulf between us and the Germans is not as wide as it used to be and, on the night, we could well bridge that gap."



ENGLISH-born Tottenham winger Tony Galvin has no regrets about his decision to play for the Republic of Ireland.

Even though new England boss Bobby Robson appears to be putting his faith in wingers, 26-year-old Tony only has thoughts for his adopted country and their European Championship prospects.

As he prepares for his first-ever appearance in Dublin, against Iceland, Tony says:

"I have no regrets at all. I made the decision a long time ago after a lot of thought and I'm happy to be part of the Eire set-up. There was no point waiting any longer in the hope of an England chance.

"Now, having waited a long time for my international debut, I'm an Irishman through and through.

"Tottenham come first for me, but being involved in the Eire squad is going to give me a big lift throughout

## 'No regrets' — Galvin

the season.

"I'm really looking forward to playing in Dublin. I've been to the city but have never played at the international ground.

"They say it's a pretty awesome experience when the ground is packed, and I wouldn't think Iceland are relishing the prospect.

"But they proved against Wales last season in a 2-2 draw at Swansea that they cannot be underestimated.

"Our manager, Eoin Hand, watched them draw with Holland last month and, apparently, they were unlucky.

"After our defeat in Holland, we cannot afford to slip up against Iceland if we are to challenge for a place in the Finals."

Tony — who qualified to play for

Eire by virtue of his Irish grandparents made his debut in last month's 2-1 setback in Holland and it ended in personal disappointment.

He limped off in the second half and out of Tottenham's next match with a calf injury.

But he was pleased with his performance: "It took me twenty minutes or so to get accustomed to the pace of the game, but I was generally pleased," he says.

"We got off to a bad start by conceding an early goal and from that moment we had our backs to the wall.

"We would have settled for a draw as Holland had already dropped a point in Iceland, but hopefully we can make up for the defeat when we play them at home."



# GERMANY ... AUSTRIA V N. IRELAND



# ... INTERNATIONAL ON THE WARPATH

ENGLAND are ready to declare football war on West Germany once again.

The clash of the old rivals at Wembley next Wednesday may be billed as a friendly, but the match will take on the importance of a World Cup battle when the preliminaries are over.

Arsenal full-back Kenny Sansom underlined the importance of a victory to the England team when he declared:

"We want to beat the Germans to make amends for that disappointing goalless draw in the World Cup Finals when we missed a great chance to dump them out of the competition.

"And we need a victory to give the lads and manager Bobby Robson a confidence-booster before next month's tough European Championship match in Greece.

"West Germany may not be the force of previous years, but they are still European Champions and World Cup runners-up.

"A victory for us would be a great feather in our cap even though it is only a friendly.

"And I think we can beat them at Wembley.

"We had a great chance in Spain but we let ourselves down. I think probably the heat and the sense of the occasion got to us.

"But I'm sure we can put the record straight at home."

Below: Paul Breitner — "His retirement is a big blow to Germany's plans," says Kenny.



It's seven years since England last toppled the Germans, Colin Bell and Malcolm Macdonald scoring in a 2-0 Wembley victory.

Since then, England have lost 2-1 in Munich and then had that disappointing goalless draw in the World Cup set-to.

But, while clashes with Germany always revive the passion and patriotism of 1966 and England's World Cup Final triumph at Wembley, Kenny feels they are no longer the team to fear in Europe.

"They haven't got the world class players they had a few years ago when Beckenbauer and Gerhard Muller were around, and the retirement of Paul Breitner is a real blow to their plans.

"I felt Breitner was one of the main reasons why they reached the World Cup Final.

"But they no longer have players in their side who can win matches on their own, unlike Italy and Brazil.

"Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has proved a dangerous striker, but he was badly affected by injury in Spain and one wonders whether he can recapture his form.

"In Europe now, you have to look at World Champions Italy and the Improving France as major contenders for the European Championship.

"In a lot of ways, ourselves and the Germans have stood still over the past few years and other countries have caught us up.



Kenny Sansom — "It's a game we want to win and one we must win."

"From our point of view, it's up to us now to start creating the kind of gulf that once existed between ourselves and teams like Denmark and Norway." But Kenny realises that

manager Bobby Robson has a selection dilemma for this prestigious clash.

"Does he put out his strongest available side in order to win the match or blood two or three young players with forthcoming European Championship matches in mind?" he asks.

"It's a difficult decision for him in only his second game as manager, but I'm sure whoever is picked won't let him down.

"There's something special about playing against the Germans.

"It's a game we want to win and, on this occasion, we must win.

"We didn't play that badly against Denmark because they are a better side than people think.

"But a victory in front of our own fans will provide the kind of confidence the new manager needs."

## PAST ENCOUNTERS

THE table below gives you an at-a-glance guide to previous meetings as far back as the famous World Cup Final of 1966.

	Date	Venue	Score
WC	June 29, 1982	Madrid	0-0
	February 22, 1978	Munich	1-2 (Pearson)
	March 12, 1975	London	2-0 (Bell, Macdonald)
EC	May 13, 1972	Berlin	0-0
EC	April 29, 1972	London	1-3 (Lee)
WC	June 14, 1970	Leon	2-3 (Mullery, Peters)
	June 1, 1968	Hanover	0-1
WC	July 30, 1966	London	4-2 (Hurst 3, Peters)

Key: WC — World Cup; EC — European Championship.

# SPECIAL . . . ENGLAND v W. GERMANY



# FRUSTRATING

A THROAT infection has caused me to miss two of Ipswich Town's most important games of the season so far.

I had to watch on television as the lads bravely tried to peg back a 3-0 deficit against Italians Roma in the UEFA Cup and I also missed our First Division clash with Champions Liverpool.

It was ever so frustrating, especially after scoring two goals in our 6-0 hammering of Notts County in the previous game.

I picked up the virus a couple of days after the County game and was confined to barracks for a week. It even made me doubtful for England's Wembley date with West Germany.

Although we beat Roma at Portman Road, we still went out of the competition 4-3 on aggregate. There's no doubt that two silly defensive errors in Italy cost us the tie.

The annoying thing is that Roma aren't that good a team. There's no way they'll win the UEFA Cup — in fact I'll be surprised if they get much further than the Second Round.

It was a black night in Europe for English clubs with all our representatives going out of the UEFA Cup.

The result that surprised me most was Arsenal's 5-2 home defeat by Spartak of Russia. Not even Liverpool can score five against Arsenal at Highbury!

I half-expected Manchester United to go out after being held to a 0-0 draw by Valencia at Old Trafford. Once again it was a dubious penalty decision in Spain which sent them out.

Players are always wary about going to Spain because the Spaniards have the knack of falling in the box off to a fine art.

Scotland enjoyed their best night in Europe with all their teams going through. The most impressive victory was Celtic's 2-1 win over Ajax in Holland.

After the Scottish Premier Division Champions had been held to a 2-2 draw at Parkhead, my Dutch team-mate Frans Thijssen told me that the tie was as good as over.

He explained that Ajax, former winners of the European Cup, have got a really good side together and wouldn't let the home advantage slip.

The Scots proved him wrong when they pulled off what I regard as the best result of the night. It wouldn't surprise me to see them go all the way in the competition.

In the First Division, we put some of the doubters right with a 6-0 win over Notts County — our first victory of the season.

Even though people were doubting us, we never lost confidence in our own ability.

There are too many good players at the club and we knew it was only a matter of time before we'd get it right and give some side a real beating.

## The PAUL MARINER Column

The Ipswich and England centre-forward tells of his disappointment at missing two key games...



Notts County didn't play as well as they can, but we were in top form that day. It was just a pity that only 8,000 fans turned up to watch the game.

I was very pleased for our manager Bobby Ferguson after that game. He's had a really tough baptism since taking over from Bobby Robson.

The players really felt for him as

the pressure mounted and we were all desperate to give him the result that he so richly deserved.

Among the manager's current problems is the task of persuading Eric Gates to stay at the club. At the moment, it looks as though he'll be unsuccessful because Eric seems determined to leave.

Because we've got such a small first team squad at Ipswich, we'll

miss the striker-cum-midfielder. He can play in two or three different positions and adds an extra dimension to our play.

Even though he's been trying to get away, Eric hasn't let his troubles at the club affect his performance on the field.

He's shown what a good professional he is with some tremendous displays recently. Too often players who are unhappy at a club tend not to try their hardest.

On Saturday, we entertain Arsenal at Portman Road — a team who seem to have a jinx over us at home.

They are very difficult to break down and, with the addition of my England team-mate Tony Woodcock to their attack, I rate them very highly.

See you in two weeks!

● Paul Mariner was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Above: Alan Brazil races away from Roma's Brazilian star Roberto Falcao at Portman Road. I had to watch on the TV as the lads bravely tried to peg back a 3-0 defeat.



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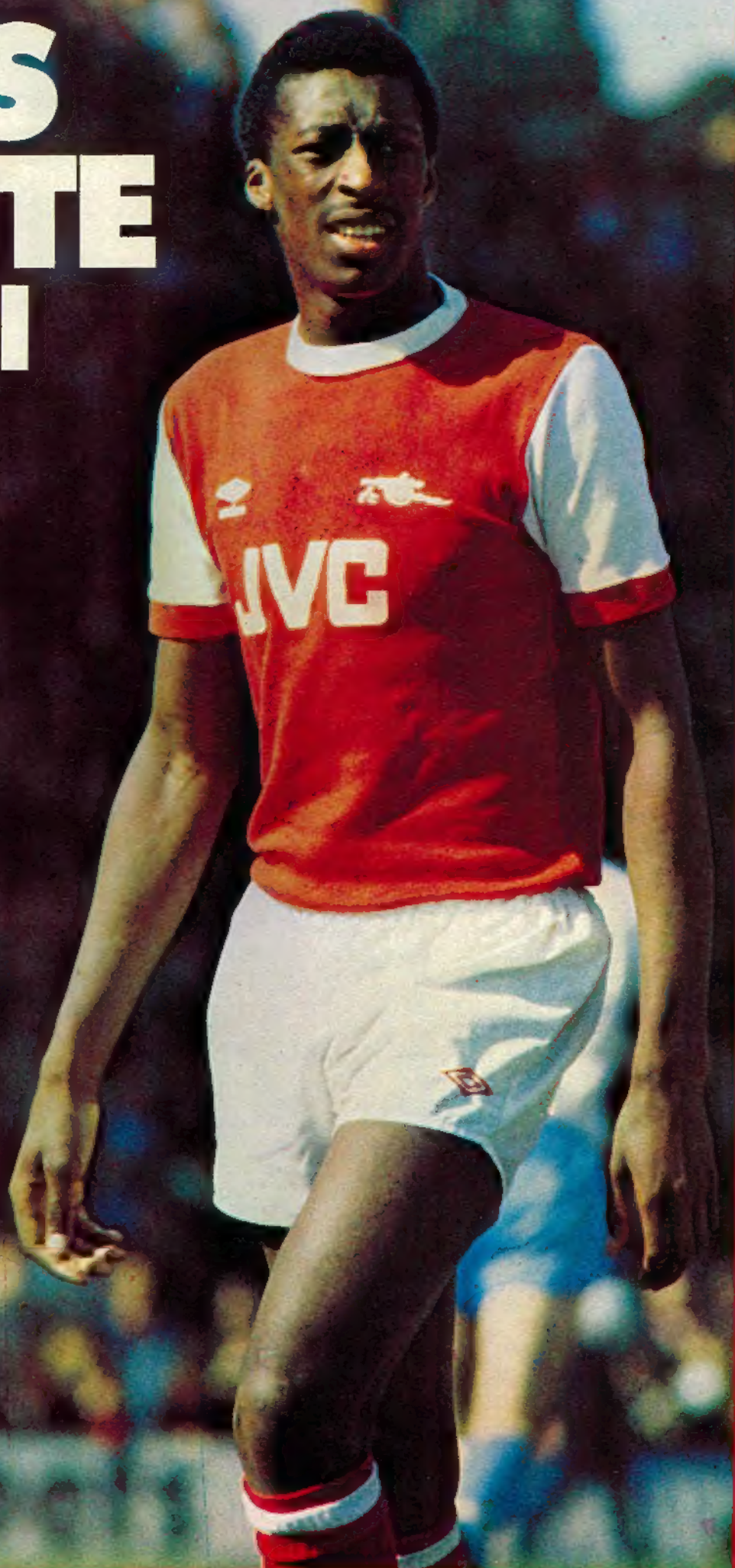
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# CHRIS WHYTE Arsenal

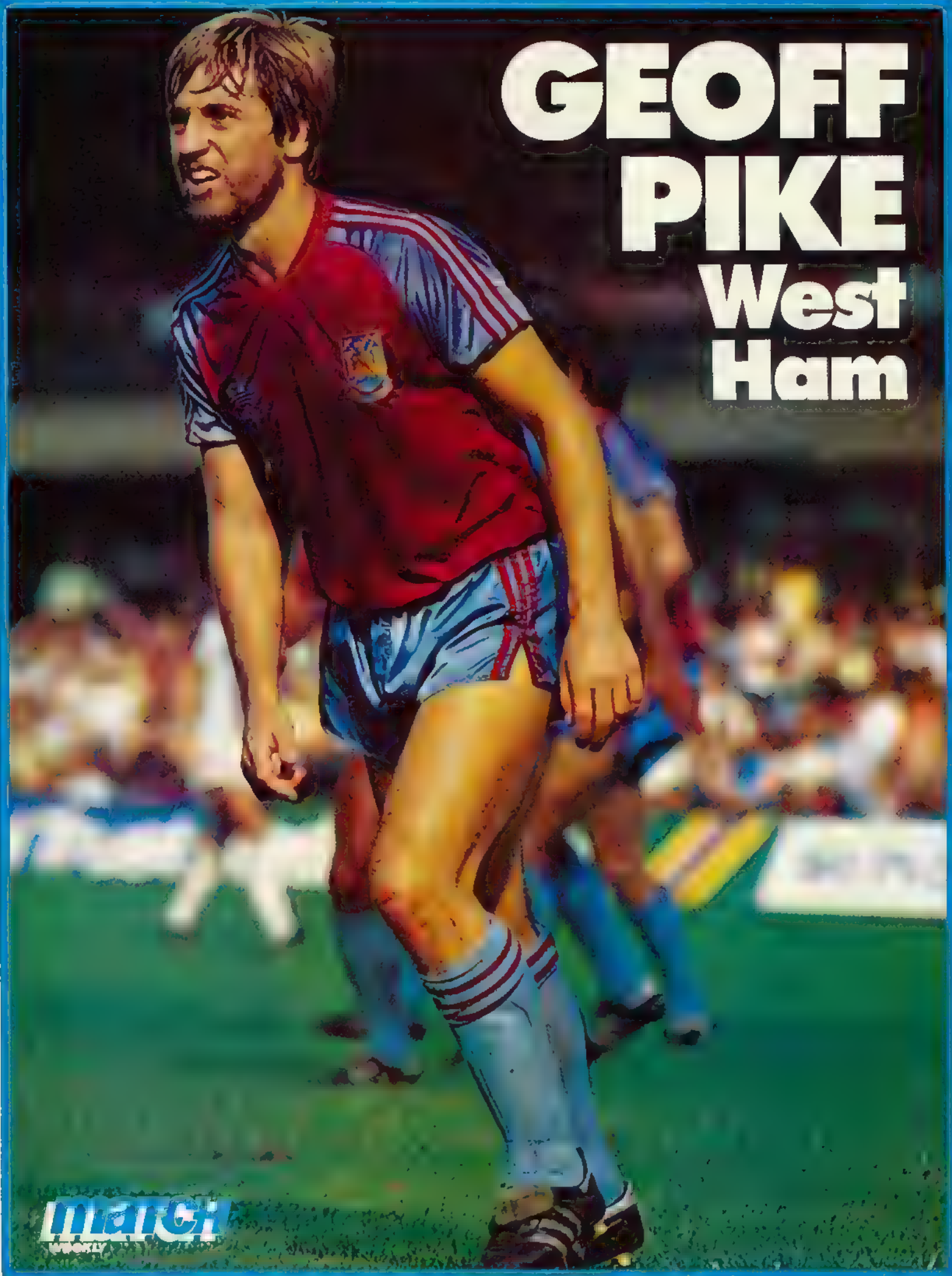
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**BIRTHPLACE:** Hornsey, London.  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6ft 2½in/11st 10lb.  
**MARRIED:** No.  
**CAR:** Hillman Hunter 1725GL.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None.  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** Joined Arsenal from school.  
**CLUB NICKNAME:** Huggy.  
**WORST EVER INJURY:** Stress fracture in 1980.  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** Trevor Francis for his will to take on defenders and he is so good to watch.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** I haven't got one.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Diego Maradona for his all-round ability.  
**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** Jennings, McGrain, Moore, Charlton J, Sansom, Charlton R, Brady, Ball, Francis, Greaves, Best.  
**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Jennings (N. Ireland), Vogts (W. Germany), Moore, Charlton J (both England), Brietner (W. Germany), Charlton R (England), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Maradona (Argentina), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil), Best (N. Ireland).  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Villa Park.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** The Ajax stadium in Amsterdam.  
**BEST GOAL SCORED:** Against West Ham at Upton Park last season.  
**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** Glenn Hoddle's volley for Tottenham against Manchester United in the League Cup two years ago.  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Aston Villa's Peter Withe.  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** That 2-1 win at West Ham last December when I scored.  
**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** My League debut for Arsenal in the 1-0 home win over Manchester City last October.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing to Liverpool in the League Cup last season.  
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**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** The journey home after a defeat and waiting around.  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Game For A Laugh.  
**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** Crossroads.  
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**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Steak.  
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**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** Play Misty For Me.  
**BEST FRIEND:** My girlfriend Jenny.  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Roger Thompson, now in America, and my dad.  
**WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Losing and bad referees.  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** I splash my face with cold water before going out on to the pitch.  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Poached eggs.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Two England Under 21 caps.  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be happy and successful in life.  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To gain more international honours.  
**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Arsenal's Stewart Robson.  
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STEVE Hunt is ready to boost his England claims... with the club he accused of lacking ambition just a few months ago.

The 26-year-old midfielder, just back from another successful spell in America with New York Cosmos, has rejoined Coventry, the club he wanted to leave last season.

After a dramatic change of heart, Steve insists: "I'm glad that Coventry turned down my transfer request."

"I was disillusioned and frustrated at the time, but that spell in America, away from the pressures, has cleared my mind."

"I'm completely refreshed. I want to play for Coventry and I still feel I'm good enough to play for England."

That's a far cry from his feelings expressed in 'Match Weekly' shortly before joining New York Cosmos for a second spell.

He declared then: "I am an ambitious player and I don't think Coventry are ambitious enough on the field."

"I know that money can't buy success, but I think they could do more on the field to try and become a more powerful force in the First Division."

But now Steve has signed a new two-year contract and hopes to see that out at Highfield Road.

"I felt at the time that my reasons for a transfer were right," said Steve, after picking up his third North American League Championship with Cosmos.

"If you don't set your aims high in football then you get into a rut, and that's probably what happened to me."

"I was very frustrated. The pressures built up on me and my family and I felt I just had to get away."

"Going to America enabled me to re-think my future, and it was there that I realised what I would be missing if I left Coventry."

"All I needed was a break away from the club, and I feel my American trip has done the trick."

"I now realise I can play an important part in Coventry's future."

"They appear to have an even younger side now than when I left five months ago."

"But I've now got a different outlook and I want to try and help Coventry become a force."

"There's probably more satisfaction in that than playing for a glamour club."

Steve doesn't know whether he'll be returning to America in the future, despite his success with Cosmos.

"I enjoyed myself out there, scoring 11 goals in thirty games, but they are attempting to change the rules in restrict English players from going out there on a short-term basis."

"In future, if a player signs for an American club, he might have to stay there."

"They are worried about the future of the game because of falling attendances."

# HUNT'S TONIC

"When I was over there in the boom years of 1977 and 1978, New York Cosmos were averaging around 50,000 fans at home."

"This time we averaged between 20,000 and 30,000 and club officials were very relieved that we won the Championship again."

"If the Cosmos were to fold then the whole structure of the game in America would collapse."

"Already, two of last season's 14 teams have folded, and if no more franchises are taken out, then fans are going to get fed-up seeing the same team four or five times."

Steve Hunt — glad that Coventry turned down his transfer request.





# NORMAN WHITESIDE

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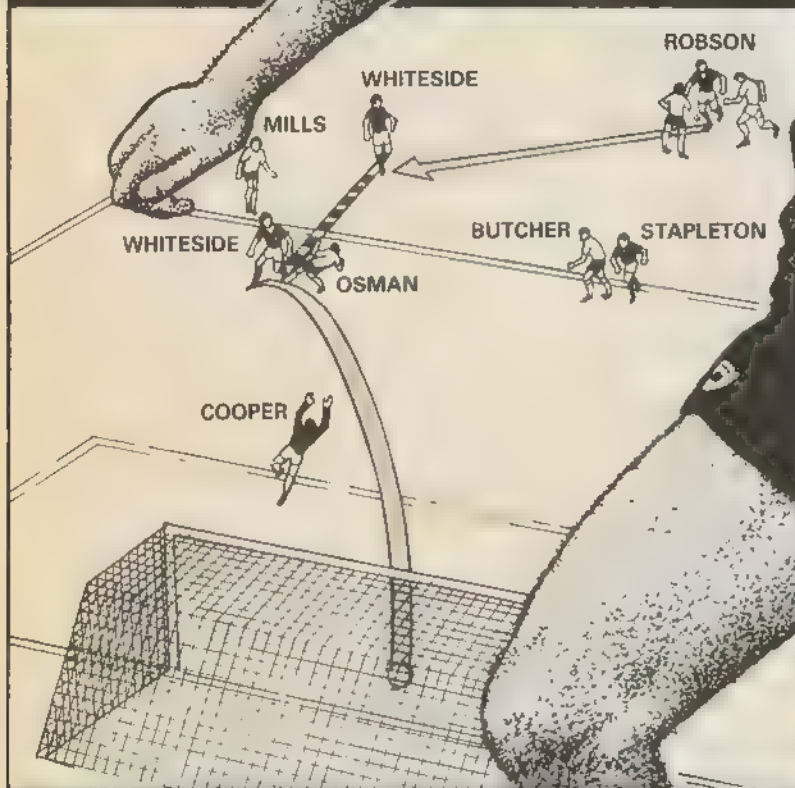
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NORMAN WHITESIDE arrived at the World Cup Finals a Northern Ireland "unknown" and returned a star. And Norman was carried on where he left off in Spain — this time in the famous red strip of Manchester United. Seven matches into the new season, the 17-year-old found himself the club's leading scorer with four goals and the man most likely to bring Old Trafford to its feet.

And that's just what he did against Ipswich. Norman gave his side the lead after just two minutes, but it was the one which made the points safe four minutes from time that had the fans in raptures.

Collecting a pass from Bryan Robson, Norman took the ball into the box, evaded the challenge of Russell Osman and sent a delightful, left-foot chip over stranded Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper.



Below Norman Whiteside (fourth left) chips his second goal of the game over Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper

STEVE  
McGARRY



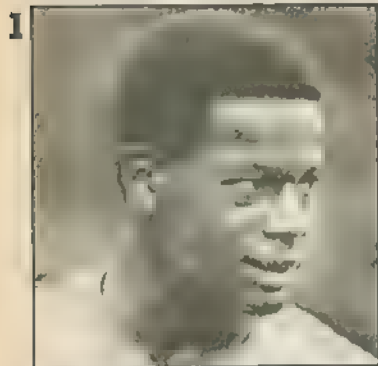


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## BROTHERLY LOVE

CAN you name the three First Division strikers pictured and the clubs for whom their brothers play?



### SOLUTIONS

1. **FORSTER** (Aston Villa)  
2. **THOMPSON** (Norwich)  
3. **CHAMBERS** (Coventry)  
Whose brother plays for Portsmouth?  
Whose brother also plays for Norwich?  
Whose brother plays for Aston Villa?  
**BROTHERLY LOVE: 1. Justin Forster, 2. Garry Thompson, 3. Mark Chambers.**

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  - 2 Who was the Football League's top goalscorer last season?
  - 3 Whose record did Northern Ireland's Norman Whiteside break in the World Cup Finals?
  - 4 Against which country did Paul Mariner score on his return to the England team after injury last season?
  - 5 Which current First Division player converted most Football League penalties last season?
  - 6 How many Football League players have been involved in £1 million transfer deals?
  - 7 Which First Division defender became a player-manager with a Fourth Division club in the summer?
  - 8 Which First Division player teamed up with Emlyn Hughes at Rotherham this season?
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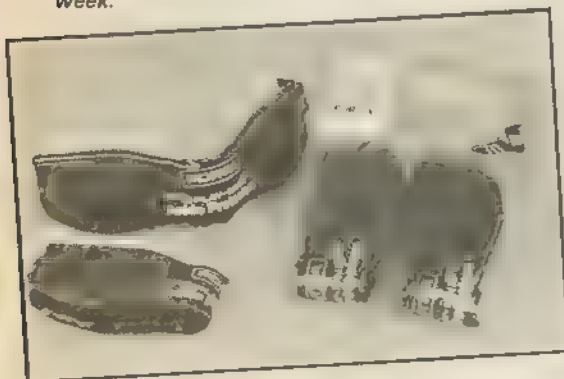
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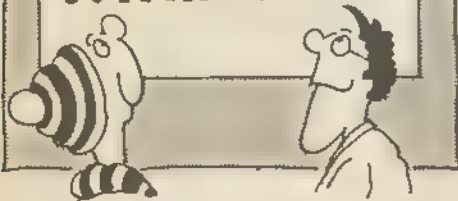


### MATCH OF THE WEEK

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Unravel the jumbled-up letters to identify which two teams are playing each other.

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I'm an England Under-23 international goalkeeper who won an FA Cup winners' medal in the 1970s. I was the PFA's 'Young Player of the Year' in 1975 while playing for a London club. I moved to another London club for a six figure fee in 1979.

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# HEATH TELLS GOODISON FANS: 'YOU'VE SEEN NOTHING YET'

LITTLE midfield dynamo Adrian Heath is aiming to make a giant-sized impression this season.

Everton's record signing declares: "The fans have not seen the best of me. I have a lot more to give."

Adrian finished the last campaign with six goals from 22 appearances for Everton — creditable figures for a midfielder.

But the performances of the former Stoke star, a £700,000 capture in January, were largely overshadowed by those of young striker Graeme Sharp who stole the show with 15 goals in 29 games. And Adrian says:

"All eyes were on me when I first arrived but Graeme was playing so well that suddenly he became the focal point for the fans."

"He was playing as well as, if not better than, any centre-forward in the country at the time."

"Because he was scoring a lot of goals, I was able to settle into the side free of much of the attention I could have expected, otherwise, and it took some of the pressure off me."

"I never quite realised how difficult it would be to settle into a new club, however."

"Last season I was good and bad in patches and I am looking for a greater level of consistency this term."

"I am out to show everyone at Everton that I am good value for money."

"I scored 11 goals in last season and I'm aiming for between 10 and 15 again this term."

If his early season performances are anything to go by, Adrian, described as a player "in the Alan Ball mould" by his manager Howard Kendall, is well on the way to convincing the fans of his worth.

He has looked razor sharp in the opening matches and none more so than when he grabbed two sparkling goals in his side's 5-0 demolition of European Champions Aston Villa.

Says Adrian: "I think I have already shown the fans a bit more of what I can do. I've felt really sharp in the opening games and it has gone particularly well for me at Goodison."

"I think having had a pre-season spell with Everton this time will prove a tremendous help."

"It's always important to take part in preparations before a campaign to give you time to learn a team's style of play and to get to know the set pieces."

What Adrian lacks in inches — he is only five feet six inches tall — he certainly makes up for in determination and whole-hearted effort.

And it is those qualities he hopes will expand his international career.

He has already played eight times for the England Under-21 side and will obviously be looking to impress new England manager Bobby Robson.

But he missed an early chance when he had to pull out of the Under-21 squad for the first leg of the European Final against West Germany at Bramall Lane through injury.

Says Adrian: "That was obviously

*Adrian Heath — out to show the Everton faithful his true worth this season.*



disappointing because it was the chance of another cap and I had been heavily involved in England's run-up to the Final.

"Obviously I'm hoping to be fit for the second leg on October 12."

The inclusion of Ricky Hill and David Armstrong in the new England manager's first full squad has shown there is a chance for new players doing well for their clubs so naturally I'm eager to do consistently well for Everton.

Adrian's injury was damaged ankle ligaments — suffered in the first 30 seconds of the home match with Norwich on September 18.

He was back in action for Everton's visit to Coventry the following Saturday but while he

scored, he was unable to avert a 4-2 defeat.

"We haven't got a point away from home yet and it's obvious we need to show more determination on our travels."

"Things have gone much better for us at Goodison — for instance we absolutely steam-rollered Tottenham when we beat them 3-1."

"But it's still early days for everyone. Three points for a win can make such a difference if a team gets a winning run together and that's what we are looking to achieve now."

"It will be disappointing if we don't win a trophy this season because we all feel the team is good enough."

"We must have a chance if we play to our potential."





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# SUPER SCOTS!

WHILE English clubs floundered, Scotland enjoyed their best-ever night in Europe.

All our teams got past the first hurdle in their respective competitions, while such household names as Manchester United, Arsenal, Ipswich and Southampton all went out.

Celtic's 2-1 win over Dutch giants Ajax in Holland was an unbelievable result, especially after they'd been held to a 2-2 draw in Scotland.

Our results in Europe just go to show that Scottish football isn't the joke many people make it out to be.

We progressed to the Second Round of the UEFA Cup by holding Dinamo Tirana to a 0-0 draw in Albania. To be honest, we really should have won the game because they weren't a very good side.

They only had one real shot at goal and we were denied at least two very good penalty appeals.

The game was big news in Albania and we played in front of a capacity 30,000 crowd. I was told that the admission price was increased 10 times to the equivalent 20p especially for the game!

Wherever we went, photographers followed us and I was dragged off the pitch by my marker before the game. He wanted to have his picture taken with me.

Although he obviously rated me as a player, it didn't stop him kicking lumps out of me when play started!

Tonight (Wednesday), we hope to progress further in another competition when we face Dundee United in the second leg of our League Cup Quarter-Final tie.

On paper, our chances of reaching the last four look very slim after our 3-1 home defeat in the first leg.

United are very strong

defensively and it's harder to score goals against them than it is against mighty Celtic and Rangers.

They are a very workmanlike side. Midfielders Billy Kirkwood and Maurice Malpass are there to win the ball and make sure that the opposition don't get a chance to play.

I'd say their most skilful player is former Chelsea star Eamonn Bannon, but he's always in and out of the side.

Dundee United's record in the Scottish League Cup is fantastic. They've reached the Final for the last three years.

On the League front, Aberdeen haven't enjoyed the best of starts, but there's no panic at Pittodrie. Our spirits and confidence are still high.

We are notoriously bad starters and I'm sure our results will pick up soon.

I don't think there's anything wrong with our game. We are playing well but we're not getting the breaks in front of goal.

Our 2-1 defeat at Rangers was a case in point. I felt we played well enough to win. Unfortunately the chances just wouldn't go in for us.

Manager Alex Ferguson has been known to give us a blasting when we've won games but, following our defeat by Rangers, he didn't say anything. There was nothing wrong with our game.

On Saturday, we face another tough test when we visit Parkhead for our first meeting of the season with Premier Division leaders Celtic.

I've got mixed feelings about going there. Two years ago, I was attacked by a fan with a bottle and it took four players to pull the lout off me. Since then I've kept away from the edge of the pitch!

Aberdeen's record at Celtic is quite good — we've only suffered two defeats in four



years and that includes League, League Cup and Scottish FA Cup meetings.

But once again, Celtic are going very well at the top of the Premier Division and they are the team you've got to beat if you have title aspirations.

This season, they've been boosted by the return of striker

Charlie Nicholas. He's made a fantastic recovery from a broken leg and his form has been a revelation.

His performances must surely have pushed him back into the international reckoning.

● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



# EVER

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**FRONT ROW:** Kevin Sheedy, Steve McMahon, Adrian Heath, Howard Kendall (player-manager), Trevor Ross, John Bailey, Alan Ainscow.



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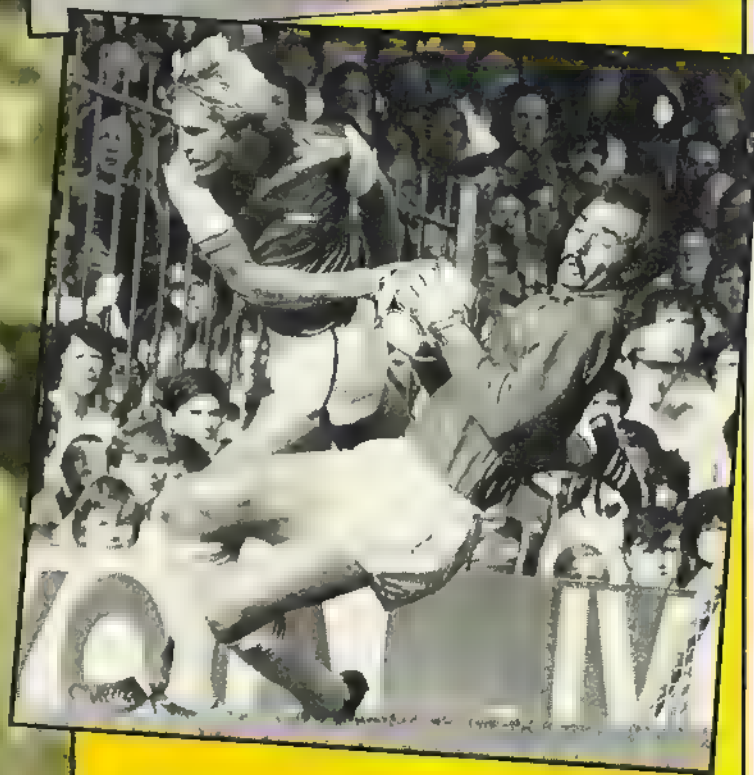


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# MY BALL!



Left: Who needs gloves? A dab of glue on the right hand and it's easy! Jim Blyth of Birmingham is the man making it stick.  
 Top: The body may not be behind the ball but the hands certainly are as Nottingham Forest's Hans van Breukelen makes a spectacular save from Villa's Peter Withe (grounded).  
 Centre: Grrr! No chance that Spurs number one Ray Clemence is letting this one slip.  
 Above: It looks like a tug of war between Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar and Arsenal striker Lee Chapman... but Bruce is in control.



# ROSSI'S REGRET

ITALIAN 'Golden Boy' Paolo Rossi has returned to League football with Juventus with one big regret... the loss of Eire star Liam Brady.

Former Arsenal midfielder player Brady was transferred to Sampdoria in the summer after helping Juventus achieve two successive Championships.

And World Cup hero Rossi says: "It looks like we shall be playing some attacking football here at Juventus because we have some great players signed on.

"But I still regret that Brady was released. He is a really superb player and an excellent friend."

Meanwhile, the arrival in Italy of men like Michel Platini on high salaries has prompted some of Italy's World Cup squad to seek pay rises.

Fiorentina striker Francesco Graziani voiced the feelings of most of the squad when he said: "By becoming World Champions we are all suddenly worth a lot more money.

"If we moved on we could demand far better terms so our present clubs should realise that our worth to them has increased and pay us accordingly."



Liam Brady — a superb player and an excellent friend, says Paolo Rossi.

# Brighton left at the post

THE Brighton management must wince every time they see the name Jurrie Koolhof in the headlines.

They were on the trail of the former postman when he was playing part-time football for Dutch Second Division side Vitesse.

Both manager Mike Bailey and chief scout Jimmy Melia watched the 21-year-old on different occasions, but before they acted, Eindhoven stepped in with a £25,000 bid.

And, to rub salt in the wounds, he scored two goals against Brighton in a pre-season tournament.

FRANCE'S surprise 4-0 defeat by World Cup rivals Poland in Paris has thrown up doubts about the future of manager Michel Hidalgo.

He had always claimed that he would quit the post after the World Cup Finals, but their success in Spain and the fact that they host the 1984 European Championship Finals were expected to induce him to stay on.

But that defeat by Poland, who pipped France for third place in Spain, has shed new light on the situation.

BRAZIL and America could find themselves involved in a straight fight for the privilege of staging the next World Cup Finals.

Columbia are currently scheduled to stage the 1986 event, but it all depends on the country's ability to prove they have the facilities and stadia to accommodate the 24-nation competition.

Should they fail to meet the necessary conditions, Brazil and America will step in although FIFA has decided to wait until the end of the year before settling on the venue.

## INTERNATIONAL HOT LINE

## SCHUSTER BOOSTER!

TWO of West Germany's World Cup stars, Paul Breitner and Horst Hrubesch, have announced the end of their international careers.

Hrubesch's decision came as a big shock to manager Jupp Derwall who has already lost two of his assistants since the World Cup.

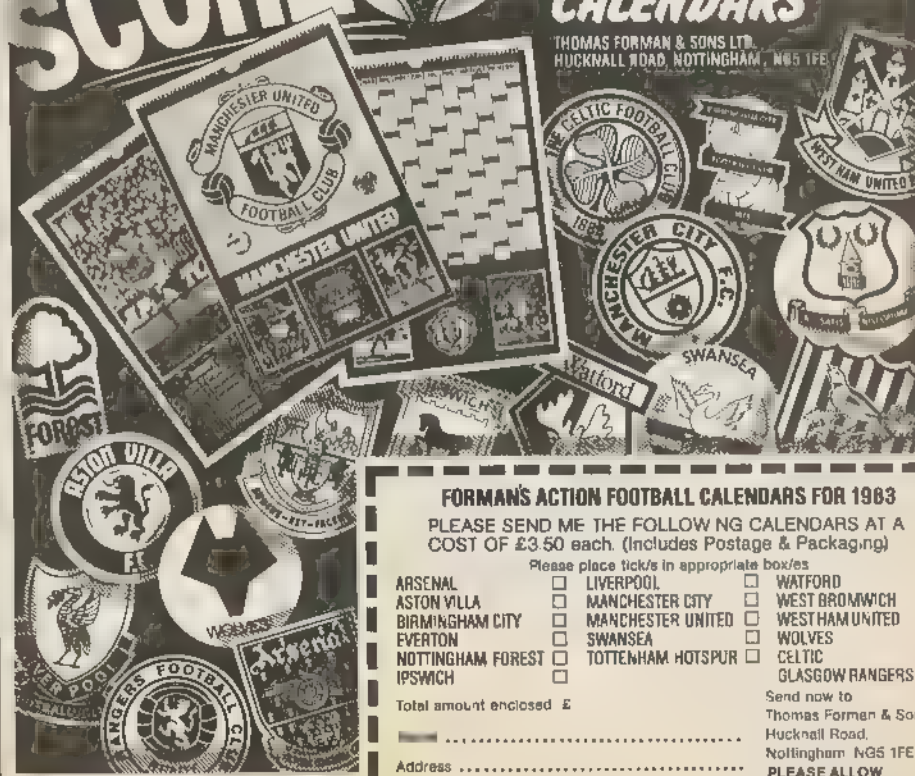
The big Hamburg striker says he wants to spend more time with his family.

Breitner's decision was less surprising and could re-open the international door for Real Madrid's Bernd Schuster who had a much-publicised bust-up with the international hierarchy.

Says the midfielder player: "I'm no longer against the idea of coming back to play for Germany, but my wife and I will want a firm arrangement and a meeting with the German FA president and Jupp Derwall to put all our cards on the table."

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Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

I CANNOT understand why Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough forked out a huge fee to bring a Dutch goalkeeper — Hans van Breukelen — to England.

This country is noted for its high standard of goalkeeping. And some of the 'keepers in the lower divisions are of exceptional quality.

A few that spring to mind are Mervyn Cawston of Southend, Lincoln City's Dave Felgate, Wrexham's Eddie Niedzwiecki and Ian Hesford of Blackpool.

Surely Brian Clough could have replaced Peter Shilton with a British 'keeper — at a fraction of the cost?

J. Goodier, Salford, Lancs.

HOW dare P. Baxter of Morton suggest in 'Terrace Talk' that Scunthorpe should be thrown out of the League!

United have only twice had to seek re-election and, under John Duncan and the fresh ideas of chairman David Wraith, Scunthorpe are ready to lift themselves out of the doldrums.

Scunthorpe's ground is far superior to many in the Fourth Division and the off-field activities of the commercial management are showing great enterprise.

Scunthorpe are alive and kicking. And the "dead wood" will set many a fire burning in Division Four this season. Glen Sands, Luddington, Scunthorpe.

SO Kevin Keegan has promised never to wear the red, white and blue of England again. . .

Well that's too bad. Maybe Keegan is unhappy about being dropped from Bobby Robson's England squad, but he shouldn't adopt such a negative attitude.

He shouldn't sulk. He should go out on the park and show his worth. That's the right way to hit back at Bobby Robson's decision. And he must accept an England recall, if and when he earns it. Barry Rawlings, Leamington Spa, Warwicks.



Kevin Keegan — he shouldn't adopt a negative attitude, says Barry Rawlings.



"How long have you had this feeling that everybody hates you?"

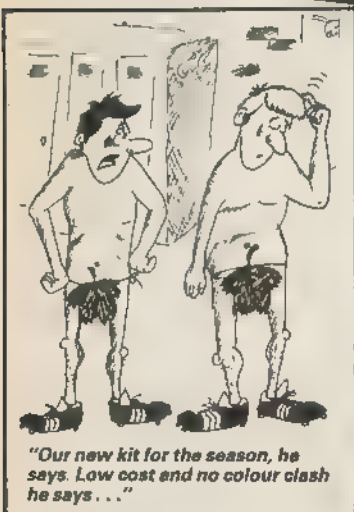


"I've got those 'we need maximum points from the remaining matches to avoid the threat of relegation' blues."



"We shall not, we shall not be moved . . ."

## It's Fun Time



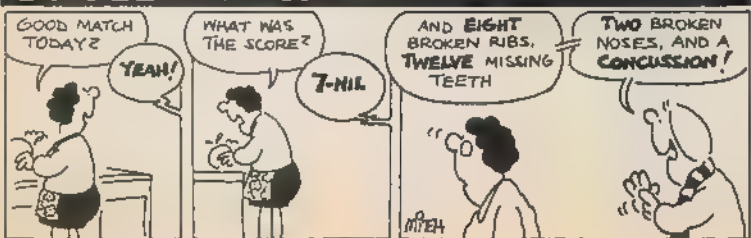
"Our new kit for the season, he says. Low cost and no colour clash he says . . ."



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### FOOTBALL CRAZY

by MITCH





TOO many people are going overboard about Manchester United's Northern Ireland striker Norman Whiteside.

Sure, he's got a great future. But so have many others, like Arsenal's Stuart Robson, Chris Whyte and Brian McDermott, Coventry's Danny Thomas and Ipswich Town's Steve McCall.

And I bet Whiteside won't match Liverpool's Ian Rush by scoring over 20 goals in his first full League season.

Stephen Durbin, Neath, West Glamorgan.

#### HOW MUCH?

It would appear that during the past five or six years, quite a few players must have made a small fortune from their signing-on fees, considering that prior to this season players moved for anything up to £1½ million.

Yet we have seen a lot of loyal players seemingly do 'less well' than those players moving from club to club to pick up their five per cent.

Testimonials are granted to a lot of players, but outside the few clubs these are a waste of time.

A lot of players must think it is better to move around than stay loyal to one club.

But as football is such a fickle game and popularity changes from one week to the next, players rarely stay with a club for long.

So what price loyalty in today's game?

Frank Duggan, Denton Burn, Northumberland.

I NOTICED in your September 18 issue a letter about quotes from the World Cup. Here's my selection of commentators' classics:

"The temperature in Seville tonight is 100° centigrade".  
"Pat Jennings has a grain stroin".  
"I hope you enjoyed the programme tomorrow night".  
"I want to say one word . . . Pierre Littbarski".  
Sandro Monetti, Blackpool, Lancs.

I CAN'T understand why new England manager Bobby Robson has dropped Kevin Keegan from his squad.

I went to Newcastle's first three home League games to watch Keegan. His ball control is first class and the way he took his goal against QPR was a delight.

What the former Southampton star must do now is put all thoughts of international football out of his mind and concentrate on getting Newcastle back into the First Division.  
Sean Nixon, Cramlington, Northumberland.

My second life,  
A fantasy,  
A dream I love to live,  
I take it all,  
I love it all,  
What football has to give.

Football is like a passion to me,  
I live for the game alone,  
I feel the hurt,  
I feel the pride,  
On football I have grown.

Elizabeth Bernard (14), London NW5.

● **INSPIRED** by a few visits to Cold Blaw Lane in January, were you?

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## COSTLY SOCCER

THE overlords of football have got it all wrong in thinking that bright, attacking soccer will bring back the legions of missing fans.

The real reason for the fall in attendances is the high price of admission.

I recently paid £3 to see a Third Division team play a Second Division side in a County Cup match. I didn't attend just to watch attacking soccer. I wanted to see my favourite team in action.

Admission prices all over the country are far too high, as are the salaries of many players. When both come down, and only then, will the fans flock back to football.

Helen Shepherd, Hilltop-Dronfield, Derbyshire.



Alan Ball — he's brilliant, says Paul Strange.

AS a loyal Southampton supporter, I was disgusted to hear my mates say that Alan Ball is over the hill and can't play like he used to.

Well, I think he's brilliant. He's always trying to lift the 'Saints', even when they are losing, and his individual performances are as good as ever.

Alan may be one of soccer's elder statesmen, but he's still among the finest in England.

Paul Strange, Salisbury, Wilts.

CALLING all Kevin Keegan fans!

I'm compiling a book which I plan to present to Kevin when he plays for Newcastle in London this December.

If any Keegan supporter would like to have an item included in the book — letters, poems, stories or photos — then they should send it to me on size A4 paper (one side only).

I think Kevin needs cheering up at the moment, following his disappointment at being left out of the squad, so I hope that this book will give him a lift.

Marian Webb, 3 Town Hall Approach, Stoke Newington, London N16 8QN

I WAS astonished by the comments of Everton's John Bailey in 'Match' concerning the new sending-off rule for professional fouls.

Can't he see that the real blot on the face of football is not the recent crop of sendings-off but the habitual use of the tactical foul?

If players and managers stopped moaning and started devising more ways of scoring and saving goals within the laws, the sending-off figures would soon show a welcome improvement.

Kevin Collier, Headingley, Leeds

● **IT'S** the referee's interpretation of the new rule that causes concern. Leicester's Eddie Kelly was sent off for handball on the half-way line. And what happens when an attacker tries to divert the ball into goal with his hand? Will he be sent off?

## GOLDEN GOOF

OLDHAM are obviously in at the deep end, according to this newspaper cutting sent in by Simon Holland of Sidcup, Kent.

By FRED AUSTIN

Oldham 0 QPR 1

ONE moment of 'magic' by John Gregory gave Rangers victory — and taught Oldham a lesson in fishing.

THANKS, 'Match'. My son, Hal, had a letter included in your 'Pen Pals' column and the response has been overwhelming.

He has had many letters from England and even received replies from as far away as Ghana and Nigeria. He has tried to write to everyone but the task is almost impossible.

Like Hal, I'm a great football fan and I feel that soccer will be a major sport in America. But our opportunities to watch the game at the moment are very limited. I hope your countrymen realise how fortunate they are in being able to watch soccer when and where they want to.

Helen Davison, Orange Park, Florida, U.S.A.

I'M sure that Spurs can look forward to another successful season now that they have signed Gary Mabbutt.

The former Bristol Rovers player is a tremendous acquisition. He's got bags of stamina, always gives 100 per cent and is a constant threat in the opposition's penalty area.

The loss of Glenn Hoddle through injury would damage any team's chances, but Gary's inspired form has lessened the blow.

Keith Burkinshaw played a master-stroke when he signed Gary

Terry Rossati, S.E. London.



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# THE DAY SOCCER WENT... GOAL CRAZY

SATURDAY, September 25 was the day soccer went goal crazy. A total of 201 goals were scored in the English and Scottish League.

And it was 50 up in Division One — the most for at least 12 years — with Watford leading the glut with the biggest victory since 1959!

'Match' has spoken to the man who led the Watford goal rush... and the lesser-known star who became the first player in 24 years to score four goals and still finish on the losing side!

**FOUR-GOAL** hero Luther Blissett's first thoughts after his team's 8-0 destruction of Sunderland were for the bewildered opposition.

The versatile star, who is tipped to play at full international level for England, says: "I remember what it was like when we were beaten 5-0 two years ago. It was the worst feeling in the world — words can't describe it."

Ironically that defeat was at the hands of Sunderland but this time the boot was on the other foot and Luther says: "The Sunderland players just couldn't believe it was happening. I really felt for them."

Even though he grabbed four goals, Luther doesn't rate it as his best performance for Watford.

"In terms of goals, it's the best game I've had, but I feel I've played better and not scored."

Everything seemed to go right for us in front of goal. It's a game like that which makes all the hard work you put into training worthwhile."

Luther believes that the result could have been so different if Sunderland had taken their goal-scoring chances early in the game.

"They had a couple of opportunities to score in the first 15 minutes before we settled down and took control."

"After the first couple of goals, you could see their confidence draining away," says Luther, who was joined on the scoresheet by Ross Jenkins and young winger Nigel Callaghan, who both scored twice.

## GOAL FACTS

■ THE record number of goals scored on one Saturday in the English Football League is 209... on Jan. 2, 1932 and on Feb. 1, 1936.

■ LARRAT Cappell (Barnsley) was the last player to score four goals and finish on the losing side in the 7-4 defeat at the hands of Bristol City (Division Two), August 27, 1958.

■ READING became the first team to score five and lose since Chelsea beat Newcastle 6-5 at Stamford Bridge on Sept. 10, 1958.

■ WATFORD'S 8-0 thrashing of Sunderland was the biggest Division One victory since Wolves routed Fulham 9-0 on Sept. 16, 1959.

Luther has been Watford's leading scorer in the League for the last two seasons, but the Sunderland game produced his first ever hat-trick.

"I'd scored twice in a match 27 times before and I was beginning to think I'd never get a hat-trick."

"I sneaked in from behind with a diving header to score my third against Sunderland and, as I hit the ground I can remember praying that the referee wouldn't rule it offside."

The day Watford hit eight, the First Division went crazy with 50 goals scored in 10 games — Manchester United and Arsenal drawing 0-0.

"Players realise more than ever before that the paying customer deserves more for his money than just a good game. That's why clubs have become more attack-conscious," says Luther.

"I've certainly had more room to operate this season. When I've gone forward, I haven't been confronted by eight or nine defenders like I was last term."

"I just hope this attacking trend keeps up. It's the only way to keep the fans coming to matches."

Luther started the season in midfield and only moved up front after three games following an injury to Ross Jenkins.

Left: Reading's Kerry Dixon describes his team's 12-goal game with Doncaster as a "farce."

Watford's Luther Blissett celebrates after scoring. Luther hammered four against Sunderland as the First Division went goal crazy.

But he admits: "One of my first games up front this season was against Nottingham Forest and I thought I was a disgrace. I missed a penalty and I didn't have another shot at goal — that's terrible for a striker."

While Luther was helping Watford to their biggest win in the First Division, Reading's Kerry Dixon was also scoring four times against Doncaster.

But the 21-year-old finished up on the losing side as the Berkshire club were beaten 7-5 in an amazing game at Belle Vue.

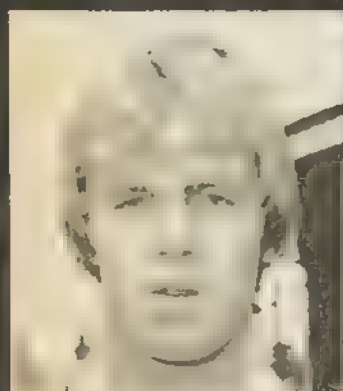
"From a personal point of view, I was very happy, but the game was a farce," says Kerry. "Both defences

were very ragged and every time a side went forward a goal looked on the cards."

"The crowd loved every minute of it though. They gave us a standing ovation at half-time and at the end of the game fans were saying they'd like us to go there every week!"

"Of course it was very disappointing to score four goals and finish up on the losing side," says Kerry, who joined Reading from non-League Dunstable.

"Manager Maurice Evans promised to give any player who scores a hat-trick this season £5. He told me he didn't really want to pay me because we'd lost!"





# STAR GALLERY

Newcastle's Kevin Keegan (right) deserves a place in 'Star Gallery' because he's the best player in Britain according to 17-year-old Catherine Derrick of Retford, Notts. Adds Catherine: "He's my favourite player and used to go to the same school as myself in Doncaster."

Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar (below) has been drawn by 16-year-old Frances Parker of Kennington, London, who says: "He is one of the most talented and entertaining goalkeepers in the world."



Colin Ancombe of Leatherhead, Surrey, drew this picture of Spurs' Ricky Villa (left) and says of the Argentinian star: "I like Ricky because he can create goals from nothing."

Fifteen-year-old Rebecca Ferguson of Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, drew this picture of Manchester United's Gordon McQueen (below) and says: "He's one of the best centre-halves in Europe and certainly deserves a regular place in the Scotland side."



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Every game north of the border would almost certainly result in a packed house.

Of course, the Scottish clubs might not be interested, but it would do no harm to invite them.

Picking a select number of say 16 clubs would be no easy job, though. Do you go for the best teams or those with the best potential support?

For instance, Nottingham Forest are a good side with a good record but their support leaves a lot to be desired.

In London, the two teams with most pulling power are ourselves and Arsenal. Chelsea probably come next, but currently they don't have the team to match their tradition.

Both clubs on Merseyside and the two Manchester outfits would be obvious candidates but what about Sunderland or Newcastle?

Neither North East club is near the top in terms of League positions but the area is football mad.

One thing is for sure. If the current investigation to restructuring our game does result in a Super League, it would be a terrific boost for our hopes at international level.

The simple fact that the top teams would play less games in a season would give our national bosses the extra time they crave to prepare for internationals.

On that subject, I was very disappointed that England could only manage a draw with Denmark in our European Championship opener.

I only saw the highlights on TV so I'm in no real position to pass

judgement, although from what I saw and read, the Danes thoroughly deserved their last-gasp equaliser.

It's going to take time. With the limited amount of time international players get together and under a new manager with new ideas, it may take six or seven games before everything is sorted out.

To that end, the more friendlies that can be fixed up in the near future, the better it will be.

Despite the fact I am out of action, I am just as keen to see England winning games and I hope the clash with West Germany at Wembley on Wednesday can prove to be the start of a successful run.

I'm not worried about a winning performance against the Germans jeopardising my own chances of making the team when I am fully fit hopefully in time to give me a chance of making the squad for England's second European Championship qualifier against Greece.

While I've been out of the limelight lately, my team mate Tony Galvin has been making the headlines with his international debut for the Republic of Ireland. I wish him all the good luck in

the world but I think he should have waited a bit longer before choosing to play for Eire.

He was also eligible for England and I'm certain he could have made the team eventually.

He had two very good games for Tottenham with new England manager Bobby Robson watching from the stands and I'm sure he must have been on the manager's mind.

The news on the injury front is much better and I hope to have a run-out with the reserves in a couple of weeks time.

With my left leg having been in plaster for two weeks following a knee ligament strain, it's now a matter of building up the muscle once again.

The plaster was put on to make sure the leg got complete rest... but I'm sure glad it's gone now.

The first week was a nightmare because I was virtually confined to the sofa in our house.

*Glenn Hoddle*

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.

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# STAR CHALLENGE

Luton goalkeeper Jake Findlay (far right) is challenged by 'Match' reader Peter Holmes.

## THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

LUTON goalkeeper Jake Findlay — this week's guest on 'Star Challenge' — tips deadly rivals Watford to continue their impressive start to their first season in Division One.

Graham Taylor's side are the surprise packet of the top flight, and Jake expects them to stay among the leaders with a 2-0 win over Norwich at Vicarage Road.

Jake, who is rated as a future Scotland goalkeeper, doesn't see any major upsets on Saturday and goes for champions Liverpool and Manchester United to keep up the pressure at the top with wins over West Ham and Stoke respectively.

The name of the game is forecasting football results and that's something every soccer fan loves to do



# JAKE FINDLAY

Each week we select ten matches and one lucky reader gets a chance to see his or her predictions in print — alongside those of a famous player.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and any reader who

manages to beat a star will be awarded a special 'Star Challenge' certificate to mark the achievement.

Every reader lucky enough to tackle a star will receive a personally signed photograph — win or lose!

This week's challenge is between Jake and Luton fan Peter Holmes (17) of Bedford. You can see their predictions in the special panel.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge', all you have to do is write in, enclosing your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and more importantly, your home telephone number.

Don't also forget to tell us which team you support and who your favourite player is.

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● **BAD** luck to 'Match' reader Peter Patterson who was defeated seven points to four by Watford's Gerry Armstrong on September 25.

## FIXTURES

Saturday, Oct. 9  
DIVISION ONE

Birmingham v Luton  
Brighton v Swansea  
Everton v Man. City  
Ipswich v Arsenal  
Man. Utd v Stoke  
Notts. Co v Aston Villa  
Sunderland v Southampton  
Spurs v Coventry  
Watford v Norwich  
West Brom v Nott'm F  
West Ham v Liverpool

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v QPR  
Bolton v Rotherham  
Burnley v C. Palace  
Carlisle v Charlton  
Chelsea v Leeds  
Derby v Cambridge  
Fulham v Blackburn  
Leicester v Grimsby  
Oldham v Newcastle  
Sheff. Wed. v Wolves  
Shrewsbury v Middlesbro

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Cardiff  
Bradford v Plymouth  
Brentford v Chesterfield  
Gillingham v Preston  
Huddersfield v Portsmouth  
Lincoln v Doncaster  
Millwall v Oxford  
Newport v Bristol R  
Reading v Orient  
Walsall v Sheff. Utd  
Wigan v Southend  
Wrexham v Exeter

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Halifax  
Bristol C v York  
Darlington v Chester  
Hull v Torquay  
Mansfield v Bury  
Peterborough v Scunthorpe  
Port Vale v Hereford  
Wimbledon v Aldershot

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Celtic v Aberdeen  
Dundee v Hibernian  
Kilmarnock v Dundee U.  
Morton v Rangers  
Motherwell v St Mirren

FIRST DIVISION

Clyde v Raith  
Dumbarton v Hamilton  
Dunfermline v Queens Pk  
Falkirk v Ayr  
Hearts v Alloa  
Partick v Clydebank  
St Johnstone v Airdrie

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v Brechin  
Berwick v Cowdenbeath  
E. Fife v Stenhousemuir  
Forfar v East Stirling  
Montrose v Meadowbank  
Oun of the Sth v Stirling  
Stranraer v Arbroath

Sunday, Oct. 10  
DIVISION FOUR

Northampton v Tranmere  
Swindon v Colchester

Friday, Oct. 15  
DIVISION THREE

Southend v Reading

DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Darlington  
Halifax v Port Vale  
Scunthorpe v Hull

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent. There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result. Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

Match	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Brighton v Swansea	2-2	1-2		
Everton v Man. City	2-1	3-0		
Ipswich v Arsenal	2-2	2-1		
Man. Utd v Stoke	2-1	3-1		
Notts Co. v Aston Villa	1-0	1-3		
Sunderland v Southampton	3-1	2-2		
Spurs v Coventry	3-0	2-0		
Watford v Norwich	1-2	2-0		
West Brom v Nott'm F	2-2	0-0		
West Ham v Liverpool	1-2	0-1		



# MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

Monday, Sept. 27

## Division Four

**MANSFIELD (D) 0**  
**PETERBOROUGH (D) 0**  
 Att 2,414  
 Mansfield Arnold 6 Woodhead 6 Kennerly  
 8 Day 5 Ayre 7 Bird 5 Bell 5 Nicholson 6  
 Waddle 6 Cannel 5 **\*BOAM 8**  
 Peterborough **\*SEAMAN 8**, Rayment 6  
 Collins 5 Gynn 7 Firm 6 Rodaway 6 Sack 5  
 Linton 5 Cooke 5 Benjamin 6 Chard 5  
 Referee D Shaw (Sandbach)  
 Match Rating ★★

**STOCKPORT (1) 2** (Williams 32 Power 85)  
**ROCHDALE (D) 2** (Hamilton 59 Farrell 60)  
 Att 1,873  
 Stockport Loyd 7 Rutter 7 Sherlock 7  
 Emerson 7 Thorpe 7 Smith 5 **\*WILLIAMS 8**,  
 Phillips 6 Power 7 Park 7 Coyle 7  
 Rochdale Pearce 7 Keenan 6 Comstive 8  
**\*FARRELL 9** Traener 6 Williams 7  
 Thompson 7 Hamilton 8 Hilditch 7 Welings  
 7 Martinez 6  
 Referee H Tav or (Leicester)  
 Match Rating ★★

Tuesday, Sept. 28

## European Cup First Round, Second Leg

**LIVERPOOL (D) 1** (Whelan)  
**COLERAINE (N Ireland) (D) 0**  
 Att 12,021  
 Liverpool win 5-1 on aggregate

## European Cup Winners' Cup First Round, Second Leg

**TOTTENHAM (1) 4** (Crooks Mabbuit  
 Brooke Gibson)  
**DUNDALK (Eire) (D) 0**  
 Att 20,925  
 Tottenham win 7-0 on aggregate

## UEFA Cup First Round, Second Leg

**Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria) 0**, Seville (Spain) 3  
 (Agg 1-6), Admira Wacker (Austria) 1  
 Bohemians Prague (Czech) 2 (Agg 1-7)

## Division Two

**BOLTON (2) 2** (Henry 19 Moores 38)  
**OLDHAM (2) 3** (Palmer 34 53 Ryan 39)  
 Att 5,605  
 Bolton McDonagh 6 Whitworth 6 Bennett  
 6 McGovern 7 Jones 5 McEhinney 5  
 Chandler 5 **\*HENRY 8** Moores 6 Redd  
 Rudge 7  
 Oldham Goram 7 Sinclair 7 Ryan 6 Keegan  
 7 Clementis 7 Fletcher 7 McDonough 7  
 Atkinson 6 Steele 6 Wyde 6 **\*PALMER 8**  
 Referee D W Cival (Birmingham)  
 Match Rating ★★

**CARLISLE (D) 4** (Bannon 47 Craig 50 85  
 Shoulder 72)  
**SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (D) 2** (Smith 68  
 Owen 89)  
 Att 6,127  
 Carlisle Swinburne 7 Parker 7 Haigh 6  
 Ashurst 7 Lark 7 **\*CRAIG 8** Stanforth 7  
 Coughlin 7 (sub Houghton 6) Poskett 6  
 Bannon 7 Shoulder 7  
 Sheff Wed Bo der 6 Sterland 7 Bailey 7  
 Smith 7 Lyons 6 Shelton 6 Taylor 6 (sub  
 Pickering 6) **\*MEGSON 8** Bannister 7  
 Owen 7 Pearson 7  
 Referee R Chadwick (Darwen)  
 Match Rating ★★

**CHARLTON (D) 3** (Mehmet 52 Hales 85  
 Bulvan 89)  
**FULHAM (D) 0**  
 Att 6,790  
 Charlton Johns 7 Gril 6 Lansdowne 6  
**\*MEHMET 8** Elliott 6 Berry 6 Harris 6  
 Bulvan 7 White 6 Hales 7 Ferns 6  
 Fulham Peyton 6 Hopkns 6 Lock 6  
**\*O DRISCOLL 8**, Brown 6 (sub Parker)  
 Gale 6 Wilson 7 Davies 6 Coney 6  
 Houghton 7 Lewington 6  
 Referee K W Baker (Rugby)  
 Match Rating ★★

## PLAYER RATINGS

10 Out of this world  
 9 Outstanding  
 8 Excellent  
 7 Good  
 6 Adequate  
 5 Off form  
 4 Poor

## MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★ A classic  
 ★★★★★ Good value  
 ★★★ Satisfactory  
 ★★ Dull  
 ★ A waste of money

**MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1** (Shearer 10)  
**GRIMSBY (1) 4** (Waters pen 25 pen 88  
 Cooper 73 Crombie 81)  
 Att 5,927

Middlesbrough **\*PLATT 8** Ross 7 Bolton  
 7 Otto 7 (sub Cochrane 6) Baxter 6 Wood 7  
 Mowbray 7 Shearer 7 Hank 7 Kennedy 6  
 Bell 7  
 Grimsby Barch 6 Moore D7 Crombie 7  
 Waters 8 Cooper 7 Moore K7 Cumming 8  
 Whyman 7 (sub Kilmore) Drake 18  
 Bonnyman 7 **\*SPEIGHT 9**  
 Referee N Wilson (Morecambe)  
 Match Rating ★★  
 Sendings: Off Kennedy Hankin  
 (Middlesbrough)

**QPR (D) 0**  
**CRYSTAL PALACE (D) 0**  
 Att 12,194  
 QPR Hucker 7 Neil 6 Dawes 7 Waddock 7  
 Hazell 7 **\*FENWICK 9** Micklewhite 5 (sub  
 Feraday 6) Stewart 8 Sealy 7 Stanrod 6  
 Gregory 6  
 Crystal Palace **\*BARRON 9** Hinshelwood  
 7 Williams 6 Hughton 8 Cannon 7 Gilbert  
 7 Gies 6 Love 17 Langley 6 Mabbuit 7  
 Hla re 7  
 Referee B T Stevens (Gloucester)  
 Match Rating ★★

**SHREWSBURY (1) 2** (Stevens 9 Cross 83)  
**CAMBRIDGE (1) 1** (Street 34)  
 Att 2,974  
 Shrewsbury Ogrizovic 6 Williams 7  
 Johnson 6 **\*PETTS 8** Turner 7 Griffin 6  
 Cross 6 McLaren 7 Leonard 6 Stevens 7  
 Bates 6  
 Cambridge Webster 6 Donaldson 6 Murray  
 6 Turner 6 Fallon 5 **\*SMITH 17** Christie  
 5 (sub Lockhart) Smith K8 Reily 6 Street  
 6 Finney 5  
 Referee D Scott (Burnley)  
 Match Rating ★★

## Division Three

**BOURNMOUTH (D) 0**  
**SOUTHEND (D) 2** (Phillips 55 Mercer 63)  
 Att 4,502  
 Bournemouth Allen 6 Helfernan 6 Sulley 6  
 Beck 6 Brignall 6 Compton 6 **\*CARTER 7**  
 Williams 6 Morgan 5 Funnell 5 O'Donnell 5  
 (sub Dawkins)  
 Southend Keeley 7 Stead 6 Yates 7 Clark  
 7 Moody 6 (sub Ot lakowski 6) Cusack 6  
 Pountney 7 **\*PHILLIPS 8** Mercer 6  
 Pennyfather 7 Nelson 7  
 Referee E Read (Bristol)  
 Match Rating ★★

**BRENTFORD (1) 2** (Joseph 17 Mahoney 56)  
**NEWPORT (D) 0**  
 Att 5,706  
 Brentford Roche 7 Rowe 7 Wilkins 6 (sub  
 Booker 6) McNicol 7 Whitehead 6 Hurlock

7 Kamara 7 **\*JOSEPH 8** Mahoney 7  
 Bowles 7 Roberts 7  
 Newport **\*KENDALL 8**, Jones 5 Relish 5  
 Bailey 6 Davies 6 Stroud 6 Lowndes 5 (sub  
 Gwyther 6) Aldridge 6 Tynan 6 Vaughan 7  
 Eisey 6  
 Referee A Gunn (Burgess Hill)  
 Match Rating ★★  
 Sending Off Jones (Newport)

**CARDIFF (1) 2** (Hemmerman 9 87)  
**EKETER (D) 0**  
 Att 4,867  
 Cardiff Thomas 6 Jones 7 Bodin 7 Micallef  
 7 Dwyer 7 Mullen 7 Bennett 7 Tong 6  
 Gibbons 6 **\*HEMMERMAN 8** Lewis 6 (sub  
 Ingram 6)  
 Eketer Bond 6 Kirkup 6 Viney 6 Haffer 6  
**\*ROBERTS 7**, Harle 6 Pratt 6 Rogers 5  
 Kellow 6 Delle 6 Gibson 5 (sub Pullar 5)  
 Referee A Seville (Barnham)  
 Match Rating ★★

**CHESTERFIELD (1) 1** (Pollard 10)  
**OXFORD (D) 2** (Brack 53 Hebbard 58)  
 Att 2,618  
 Chesterfield **\*TURNER 8** Beatty 6  
 O'Neill 6 (sub Dawson 6) Wilson 7 Green 6  
 Pollard 6 Walker 5 Henderson 5 Henson 6  
 Kowalski 4 Windridge 6  
 Oxford Burton 6 Linney 6 Fogg 5 Train 7  
 Briggs 6 Shollon 6 **\*BROCK 8**, Barnett 7  
 Vinter 6 Beggins 6 Hebbard 7  
 Referee N J Ashley (Nantwich)  
 Match Rating ★★

**DONCASTER (2) 3** (Snodin 12 Douglas 28  
 Snodin 62)  
**WIGAN (4) 6**, Methven 10 Houghton 11 70  
 75 O Keele 26 Bradd 39)  
 Att 4,457  
 Doncaster Peacock 5 Russell 7 Snodin 6  
 7 **\*SNODIN 19** (awthorne 5 (sub Lidde)  
 6) Dowd 5 Austin 6 Humphries 6 Douglas  
 7 Graham 6 Little 7  
 Wigan Tunks 6 McMahon 6 Weston 6  
**\*O'KEEFE 9**, Lloyd 7 Methven 7 Langley 6  
 Crbley 6 Bradd 7 Houghton 8 Gemmell 7  
 Referee M Scott (Northampton)  
 Match Rating ★★

**GILLINGHAM (D) 1** (Cascarino 76)  
**READING (D) 0**  
 Att 3,261  
 Gillingham Hilyard 7 Sharpe 6 Adams 7  
 Bruce 7 Shaw 6 Sinton 6 Powell 6 Tydemann  
 6 (sub Johnson 6) Cascarino 7  
**\*GREWCOCK 8**, Weatherly 8  
 Reading Fearon 7 Williams 6 Henderson 6  
 Beavan 6 Barnes 7 **\*WHITE 8** Dawtry 6  
 Earles 7 Dixon 7 Sanchez 6 Robinson 7  
 Referee M James (Horsesham)  
 Match Rating ★★

**HUDDERSFIELD (3) 6** (Russell 2 Lewis 6  
 Pugh 26 Sutton 55 Stanton 74 75)  
**ORIENT (D) 0**  
 Att 6,671  
 Huddersfield Cox 6 Brown 7 Burke 6 Pugh  
 7 Sutton 7 Hanvey 7 Lilks 7 Doyle 7  
 Russell 7 (sub Stanton 7) Wilson 7  
**\*COWLING 8**  
 Orient Dav 5 Osgood 6 Roffey 5 Foster 5  
 Smith 6 Cunningham 5 **\*GODFREY 7**  
 Donn 6 Blackhall 5 (sub Vincent 6) Silkman  
 5 McNe 16  
 Referee K Redfern (Widnes Bay)  
 Match Rating ★★

**PLYMOUTH (D) 0**  
**BRISTOL ROVERS (D) 4** (Randal 59 88  
 Kelly 75 Williams 76)  
 Att 3,543  
 Plymouth Trudington 5 Nisbet 5  
**\*UZZELL 7**, Philipps 7 Masters 4  
 McFarney 4 Cooper 4 Hodges 4 Cook 4  
 (sub Carter 5) Sims 5 Gooding 4 Rogers 5  
 Bristol Rovers Kig 5 Slatyer 6 Williams 8  
 5 Williams 6 Parkin 6 McCaffery 6  
 Holloway 5 Williams D5 **\*KELLY 9** (sub  
 Sherwood) Randal 7 Barr 7  
 Referee A Robinson (Walsleyville)  
 Match Rating ★★

**PORTSMOUTH (D) 2** (Rafferty 51 Biley 78)  
**MILLWALL (D) 0**  
 Att 7,615  
 Portsmouth Knight 6 McLaughlin 6  
 Sullivan 7 Doyle 6 Howe 7 Arizewood 7  
 Webb 7 Tait 6 Rafferty 6 **\*BILEY 8**, Roge 5  
 7  
 Millwall **\*SANSOME 8** Stevens 6  
 Robinson 6 Chatterton 5 Madden 7 Roberts  
 6 S. n. n. s. h. Masse 6 Carr 5 Avey 5  
 Main 6 Nea 6  
 Referee E A Crickmore (Plymouth)  
 Match Rating ★★

**PRESTON (1) 3** (O'Riordan 20 Elliott 74 82  
**WREXHAM (D) 0**  
 Att 3,363  
 Preston Litchie d8 Walsh 8 McAleer 7  
 O'Riordan 7 Westwell 6 Gowing 7 Kelly 7  
 Bell 7 **\*ELLIOTT 9** Naughton 7 Houston 7  
 Wrexham Humphries 6 H. 16 (sub)  
**\*GREGORY 8**, Jones 6 Hunt 6 Downman  
 6 Keay 6 Bate 6 Muldoon 6 Arkwright 6  
 Edwards 6 Emmerson 6  
 Referee C Seel (Carlisle)  
 Match Rating ★★

## Division Four

**ALDERSHOT (D) 1**, Goddard 731  
**PORT VALE (2) 4** Moss 1 Tarr 2 Ear 70  
 Newton 87)  
 Att 1,781  
 Aldershot **\*JOHNSON 6** Andrusewsk 5  
 (sub Scott 5) Gilard 5 Biley 5 Wood 5  
 Jopling 5 Lucas 5 Banton 5 Goddard 5  
 McDonald 5 Brod 5  
 Port Vale Siddall 6 Tarr 7 Brongage 6  
 Hunter 6 Sproson 6 Cegies 6 Earle 8  
 Moss 7 **\*NEWTON 8** Greenhalf 7  
 Armstrong 6  
 Referee K Salmon (Barnet)  
 Match Rating ★★

**BRISTOL CITY (D) 0**  
**TORQUAY (1) 1** (Gallagher 1)  
 Att 3,041  
 Bristol City Shaw 6 Stevens 7  
**\*WILLIAMS 8** Nicholls 6 Boyle 5  
 Economou 6 Thompson 6 Newman 7  
 Ritchie 6 Rley 5 Crawford 6 (sub Pares)  
 Torquay Horn 7 Doyle 6 Smith 5 Wilson 7  
 Wigginton 7 Brown 6 Grapes 7 Steeples  
 (sub Riach 7) Cooper 6 Anderson 6  
**\*GALLAGHER 8**  
 Referee B Norman (Stroud)  
 Match Rating ★★

**BURY (2) 3** (Johnson 30 Mudd 4 (H. 11  
 51)  
**TRANMERE (D) 0**  
 Att 1,796  
 Bury Brown 7 Gardner 7 (sub Parker)  
 H. 107 7 Bramhall 6 Kenworthy 5 **\*GORE 8**  
 C. Cruickshank 6 Jakub 7 Madden 7  
 Johnson 7 Firth 7  
 Tranmere Enderby 6 B. pass 6 W. 1  
 6 P. 1 6 M. 1 6 P. 1 6 M. 1 6 P. 1 6 M. 1 6  
 A. 1 6 M. 1 6 P. 1 6 M. 1 6 P. 1 6 M. 1 6  
 Referee M J Heath (Stoke)  
 Match Rating ★★

**COLCHESTER (D) 0**  
**HULL (D) 0**  
 Att 3,071  
 Colchester **\*WALKER 8** Cook 6 Coleman  
 7 Groves 6 (sub McDonough) Wignall 7  
 Hunter 6 Alkinson 6 Osborne 7 Lyons 6  
 Bremner 7 Leslie 6  
 Hull **\*NORMAN 8** McNe 16 Askew 7  
 Roberts D7 Skipper 6 Booth 7 Marwood 6  
 McLaren 6 Whitehurst 6 Flooders 6  
 Roberts G7  
 Referee A Grey (Yarmouth)  
 Match Rating ★★

**DARLINGTON (D) 0**  
**SCUNTHORPE (D) 1** (Hunt 88  
 Att 1,574  
 Darlington Cuff 7 Gilbert 5 Wilson 7 (sub  
 6) Haliday 7 **\*KAMARA 8** Hawker 5  
 McLean 6 Dunn 6 Walsh 6 Staker 5  
 Scunthorpe Neenan 7 Keeley 7 Ponton 6  
 Fowler 6 Bokall 7 **\*HUNTER 8** Cammack  
 7 Angus 7 Cowling 5 Parkinson 6 (sub  
 Duncan 6) Leman 7  
 Referee K Walmsley (Blackpool)  
 Match Rating ★★

**NORTHAMPTON (D) 0**  
**SWINDON (1) 1** (Rideout pen 34,  
 Att 2,706  
 Northampton Freeman 6 Brady 6 (sub  
 Sakhby 6) **\*PHILLIPS 8**, Gage 7 Burrows 7  
 Colfill 6 Saunders 7 Denver 6 Svitil 6  
 Massey 7 Buchanan 7  
 Swindon Allan 6 Henry 6 Baddeley 7  
 Emmanuel 8 Lewis 8 Graham 7 Pritchard 6  
 Raley 6 **\*RIDEOUT 9** Rowland 7 Barnard  
 6  
 Referee G J Naphine (Leicester)  
 Match Rating ★★

**WIMBLEDON (D) 1** (Morr 58)  
**HEREFORD (D) 0**  
 Att 1,604  
 Wimbledon Beasant 7 Peters 5 Thomas 6  
**\*GALLIERS 8** Jones 6 Morris 6 Evans 5  
 Ketteridge 6 Leslie 7 Downes 5 Hodge 5  
 Hereford Plumley 5 Bray 5 Hanley 5 Hicks  
 6 Pepp 7 Spring 5 Crabbe 6 Harvey 5  
 Phillips 6 Showers 7 **\*WHITE 8**  
 Referee T D Spencer (Isbury)  
 Match Rating ★

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**YORK** (0) 3 (Laverick 58, Ford 65, Busby 79)  
**HALIFAX** (0) 2 (Davison 48, 62)  
 Att 1 772  
 York: Jones 7, Evans 7, Hay 6, Sbragia 7  
 Crosby 5, Hood 7 ★**POLLARD** 8, Ford 7  
 Waiwyn 6, Byrne 6 (sub Busby), Laverick 7  
 Halifax: Butcher 8, Nobbs 6, Carr 6, Evans 7  
 Smith 7, Wood 6, Halibone 6 ★**DAVISON** 8,  
 Spooner 6, Stanforth 6, Ward 6  
 Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)  
 Match Rating: ★★

## Wednesday, Sept. 29 European Cup First Round, Second Leg

**BESIKTAS** (Turkey) (0) 0  
**ASTON VILLA** (0) 0  
 Att 45 000  
 Aston Villa win 3-1 on aggregate

**AJAX** (Holland) (0) 1 (Vanderbergh)  
**CELTIC** (1) 2 (Nicholas, McCluskey)  
 Att 65 000  
 Celtic win 4-3 on aggregate

Other results: Rabas Vass (Hungary) 3,  
 Standard Liege (Belgium) 0 (Agg. 3-5),  
 Hamburg (W. Germany) 2, Dynamo Berlin  
 (E. Germany) 0 (Agg. 3-1), CSKA Sofia  
 (Bulgaria) 2, Monaco (France) 0 (Agg. 2-0),  
 Real Sociedad (Spain) 3, Vikingur (Iceland)  
 2 (Agg. 4-2), Rapid Vienna (Austria) 8,  
 Avenir Beggen (Luxembourg) 0 (Agg. 13-  
 13-0), Widzew Lodz (Poland) 2, Hibernians  
 (Malta) 1 (Agg. 7-2), JK Helsinki (Finland)  
 3, Omnia Nicosia (Cyprus) 2 (Agg. 3-2),  
 Ooster (Sweden) 1, Olympiakos (Greece) 0  
 (Agg. 1-2), Dynamo Kiev (USSR) 3,  
 Grasshoppers (Switzerland) 0 (Agg. 4-0),  
 Linfield (N. Ireland) 2, Nantoni Tirana  
 (Albania) 1 (Agg. 2-2, Nantoni win on away  
 goals)

## European Cup Winners' Cup First Round, Second Leg

**DINAMO TIRANA** (Albania) (0) 0  
**ABERDEEN** (0) 0  
 Att 25 000  
 Aberdeen win 1-0 on aggregate

**SLIEMA** (Malta) (0) 0  
**SWANSEA** (3) 5 (Curtis 2, Gale 2, Toshack)  
 Att 2 000  
 Swansea win 17-0 on aggregate

Other results: Red Star (Yugoslavia) 3,  
 Lillestrom (Norway) 0 (Agg. 7-0), Apollon  
 Limassol (Cyprus) 1, Barcelona (Spain) 1  
 (Agg. 1-9), Bayern Munich (W. Germany) 0,  
 Moscow Torpedo 0 (Agg. 1-1, Bayern win  
 on away goals), Panathinaikos (Greece) 2,  
 Austria Vienna (Austria) 1 (Agg. 3-2),  
 Slovan Bratislava (Czech) 2, Inter Milan  
 (Italy) 1 (Agg. 2-3), Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary)  
 3, Gothenburg (Sweden) 1 (Agg. 4-2),  
 1893 Copenhagen (Denmark) 2, Dynamo  
 Dresden (E. Germany) 1 (Agg. 4-4,  
 Copenhagen win on away goals),  
 Differdange (Luxembourg) 0, Waterschie  
 (Belgium) 1 (Agg. 1-8), Lech Posen (Poland)  
 3, Vestmannaeyjar (Iceland) 0 (Agg. 4-0),  
 Lahti (Finland) 1, Galatasaray (Turkey) 1  
 (Agg. 2-3)

## UEFA Cup First Round, Second Leg

**ARSENAL** (0) 2 (McDermott, Chapman)  
**MOSCOW SPARTAK** (USSR) (1) 5  
 (Shvetsov, Rodionov, Cherenkov, Gess,  
 Shavol)  
 Att 28 455  
 Spartak win 8-4 on aggregate

**IPSWICH** (1) 3 (Gates, Butcher, McCall)  
**ROMA** (Italy) (0) 1 (Maderal)  
 Att 17 751  
 Roma win 4-3 on aggregate

**FINDHOVEN** (Holland) (0) 0  
**DUNDEE UNITED** (2) 2 (Kirkwood, Hegarty)  
 Att 12 000  
 Dundee United win 3-1 on aggregate

**RANGERS** (1) 2 (Cooper, Johnstone)  
**BORUSSIA DORTMUND** (W. Germany) (0)  
 0  
 Att 45 000  
 Rangers win 2-0 on aggregate

**NORRKOPING** (Sweden) (0) 0  
**SOUTHAMPTON** (0) 0  
 Att 10 252  
 Aggregate 2-2, Norrkoping win on away goals

**VALENCIA** (Spain) (0) 2 (Solsona pen,  
 Roberto)  
**MANCHESTER UNITED** (0) 0  
 Att  
 Valencia win 2-1 on aggregate

Other results: Ostrava (Czech) 0, Glentworth  
 (N. Ireland) 0 (Agg. 4-1), Servette  
 (Switzerland) 3, Progress Niedercorn  
 (Luxembourg) 0 (Agg. 4-0), Athletic  
 Bilbao (Spain) 1, Ferencvaros (Hungary) 1  
 (Agg. 2-3), Pellosa (Finland) 1,  
 Anderlecht (Belgium) 3 (Agg. 1-6), Brage  
 (Sweden) 2, Lyngby (Denmark) 2 (Agg.  
 4-3), Werder Bremen (W. Germany) 0,  
 Frankfurt Oder (E. Germany) 2 (Agg. 3-3),  
 Bremen win on away goals, Bordeaux  
 (France) 5, Carl Zeiss Jena (E. Germany) 0  
 (Agg. 6-3), FC Zurich (Switzerland) 1,  
 Larnaca (Cyprus) 0 (Agg. 3-2), Tatabanya  
 (Hungary) 0, St Evienne (France) 0 (Agg.  
 1-4), Convintul (Romania) 3, Graz Ask  
 (Austria) 0 (Agg. 4-1), Trabzonspor (Turkey)  
 0, Kaiserslautern (W. Germany) 3 (Agg.  
 0-6), Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 4, Slavia Sofia  
 (Bulgaria) 2 (Agg. 6-4), Sochaux (France) 2,  
 Salonika (Greece) 1 (Agg. 2-2, Salonika win  
 on away goals)

## Division Three

**BRADFORD** (0) 1 (Cooke 85)  
**WALSALL** (0) 1 (Kearns 78)  
 Att 4 648  
 Bradford: McManus 7, Podd 7, Chapman 7,  
 Lester 7, ★**COOKE** 8, McFarland 8, Gray 6,  
 Gallagher 6, McNiven 6, Ellis 6 (sub  
 Jackson), Mel 6  
 Walsall: Green 6, Caswell 7, Mower 6, Beech  
 7, Marshall 6, Hart 7, Shakespeare 6, Pendrey  
 6, Kearns 6 ★**BUCKLEY** 8, Pearce 6  
 Referee: P. Tydesley (Stockport)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**LINCOLN** (1) 3 (Hobson 44, 87, Peake 81)  
**SHEFFIELD UNITED** (0) 0  
 Att 8 550  
 Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 7, Neale 7, Cockerill  
 8, Peake 8, ★**THOMPSON** 9, Hibberd 8,  
 Turner 7, Hobson 8, Heath 7, Shipley 7  
 Sheff. Utd.: Conroy 7, Henderson 8, Garner 6,  
 McHale 6, Houston 7, Kanworthy 7, Curran 6  
 (sub. Hutton 6), Trusson 6, Edwards 6, Young  
 6 ★**CHARLES** 8  
 Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)  
 Match Rating: ★★

## Division Four

**CHESTER** (1) 1 (Thomas 45)  
**BLACKPOOL** (1) 2 (Bamber 20, Deary 60)  
 Att 2 256  
 Chester: Millington 6, Edwards 6, Lane 5  
 (sub. Cooke), Storton 5, Zelem 6, Ludam 5,  
 Sloan 8, Johnson 7, Simpson 6 ★**THOMAS**  
 8, Wi son 7  
 Blackpool: Hesford 6, Simmonite 5, Hart 5,  
 Deary 6, Hetzke 7, Serella 6, Stewart 7,  
 Hockaday 6 ★**BAMBER** 8, Pashley 6,  
 Downes 6  
 Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**HARTLEPOOL** (0) 7 (Higgins 58)  
**CREWE** (0) 0  
 Att 1 654  
 Hartlepool: Watson 7, Brown 7, St. mpsen 6,  
 Hogan 6, B. rd 6, ★**LINIGHAN** 8, Benbridge  
 7, Smith 7, Higgins 5, Lawrence 7, Johnson  
 7  
 Crewe: Smith 6, Moore 6, Bowers 5, Sutton  
 6, Scott 7, Purdie 7, Haslegrave 7, Palios 5,  
 Jones 5 (sub. Goodwin 5), ★**EVANS** 8,  
 Craven 7  
 Referee: D. Hutchison (Harrowgate)  
 Match Rating: ★★

## SCOTTISH First Division

**DUMBARTON** (0) 1 (Donnelly 70)  
**AYR** (0) 0  
 Att 600

**FALKIRK** (1) 2 (Perry 31, Herd 54)  
**PARTICK** (1) 1 (Johnson 17)  
 Att 1 054

**HEARTS** (2) 4 (Pettigrew 23, O'Connor 33,  
 Byrne 69, Jard ne. pen 86)  
**CLYDEBANK** (0) 1 (Ronald 64)  
 Att 3 991

## Second Division

**COWDENBEATH** (2) 2 (Ferguson 3,  
 McIntosh 9)  
**STRANRAER** (0) 1 (Hay pen 55)  
 Att 450

## Friday, Oct. 1 Division Three

**SOUTHEND** (1) 4 (Cusack pen 9,  
 Otulakowski 55, Nelson 59, Pountney 89)  
**PORTSMOUTH** (0) 0  
 Att 4 589  
 Southend: Keeley 8, Stead 7, Yates 7, Clark  
 8 ★**OTULAKOWSKI** 9, Cusack 8, Pountney  
 8, Phillips 7, Mercer 8, Pennyfather 7, Nelson  
 7  
 Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 6,  
 ★**SULLIVAN** 8, Doyle 7, Howe 6, Aizlewood  
 7, Webb 5, Tate 6, Rafferty 7, Biley 6, Rogers  
 7  
 Referee: C. Downey (Isleworth)  
 Match Rating: ★★  
 Sending Off: Rafferty (Portsmouth)

## Division Four

**CREWE** (1) 1 (Waddle og 15)  
**MANSFIELD** (1) 2 (Waddle 7, Day 86)  
 Att 1 787  
 Crewe: Smith 6, Moore 7, Bowers 7,  
 ★**SALATHIEL** 8, Scott 7, Purdie 6,  
 Haslegrave 6, Palios 7, Goodwin 6, Evans 6,  
 Craven 6  
 Mansfield: Arnold 7, Woodhead 7, Kennedy  
 6, Day 7, Ayre 7, Bird 6, Beil 8, Nichol son 7,  
 Waddle 6, Dungworth 6 (sub. Cannell)  
 ★**BOAM** 8  
 Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)  
 Match Rating: ★★  
 Sending Off: Waddle (Mansfield)

**HALIFAX** (0) 0  
**CHESTER** (0) 0  
 Att 1 925  
 Halifax: Butcher 6, Nobbs 6, Carr 5, Evans 7,  
 Smith 7, Wood 5, Halibone 6, Davison 6,  
 ★**SPOONER** 8, Stanforth 7 (sub. Nuttall 7),  
 Ward 6  
 Chester: Millington 7, Edwards 6, Lane 6,  
 Storton 7, Zelem 6, Dean 6 ★**SLOAN** 8,  
 Kinsey 7, Thomas 7, Ludlam 6, Wilson 7  
 Referee: A. Banks (Manchester)  
 Match Rating: ★★

## Saturday, Oct. 2 Division One

**ARSENAL** (1) 2 (Ta. bot 28, Davis 85)  
**WEST HAM** (2) 3 (Van der Elst 20, Goddard  
 43, Martin 62)  
 Att 30 484  
 Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollis 7, Sansom 7,  
 ★**TALBOT** 8, O'Leary 6, Whyte 7, Davis 7,  
 Sunderland 6, Chapman 6, Woodcock 5, Rix  
 5  
 West Ham: Parkes 8, Stewart 7, Lampard 7,  
 Bonds 7, Martin 7, Devonshire 6, Van der Elst  
 8 (sub. Orr 7) ★**GODDARD** 9, Clark 8, Allen  
 7, P. ke 7  
 Referee: T. G. Bunc (Berkshire)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**BIRMINGHAM** (0) 1 (Summerfield 89)  
**WATFORD** (1) 1 (Blissett 4)  
 Att 13 870  
 Birmingham ★**BLYTH** 9, Langan 8, Van der  
 Haue 6, Stevenson 7, Blake 6, Broadhurst 6,  
 Carrados 6, Dillon 7, Brazier 6, Curbishley 8,  
 Handysides 6 (sub. Summerfield)  
 Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Rostron 7,  
 Taylor 8, Terry 7 ★**BOLTON** 9, Callaghan 7,  
 Blissett 8, Jenkins 6, Jackett 7, Barnes 6 (sub.  
 Armstrong)  
 Referee: P. Tydesley (Stockport)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**EVERTON** (1) 2 (Heath 21, Wright 51)  
**BRIGHTON** (1) 2 (Robinson 32, Case 80)  
 Att 17 539  
 Everton: Southall 5, Borrows 5, Bailey 5,  
 Higgins 4, Wright 5, McManis 7, ★**HEATH**  
 8, Johnson 5, Sharp 5, King 6, Shaeedy 6  
 Brighton: Moseley 4, Stevens 5, Shanks 5,  
 Greash 4, Foster 5, Gattling 5, Case 6,  
 Ritchie 5 ★**ROBINSON** 8, McNab 5, Smith  
 8  
 Referee: C. See (Carlisle)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**IPSWICH** (0) 1 (D. Avray 81)  
**LIVERPOOL** (0) 0  
 Att 24,342  
 Ipswich: Sivell 7, Burley 7, Gernon 7,  
 Thijssen 6 (sub. O'Callaghan 7), Osman 7,  
 Butcher 7, Wark 6, McCall 7, D. Avray 6  
 ★**MILLS** 8, Gates 6  
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Kennedy 7,  
 Thompson 6, Whelan 6, Hansen 7, Dalglish  
 8, Lee 7 (sub. Fairclough), Johnston 7,  
 Lawrenson 6 ★**SOUNESS** 8  
 Referee: R. Lewis (Gl. Bookham)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**LUTON** (0) 1 (H. 59)  
**MANCHESTER UNITED** (1) 1 (Grimes 13)  
 Att 17,009  
 Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 7,  
 Horton 6, Goodyear 7 ★**DONAGHY** 9, H. 18  
 Stein 7, Walsh 7, Turner 7 (sub. Antic), Moss  
 7  
 Man Utd.: Bailey 8, Duxbury 7, Albiston 7,  
 Wilkins 8, Moran 8, McQueen 7, Robson 7,  
 Grimes 8, Stapleton 7, Wh. ieside 7  
 ★**MOSES** 9  
 Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**MANCHESTER CITY** (1) 3 (Baker 38, Cator  
 49, Cross 70)  
**COVENTRY** (1) 2 (Melrose 7, Thompson 78)  
 Att 25,105  
 Man City: Williams 8, Ranson 7, Power 7,  
 Baker 7, Cator 7, Bond 7, T. eart 7, Reeves 5,  
 Cross 6, ★**HARTFORD** 8, Simpson 5  
 Coventry: ★**SEALEY** 8, Thomas 7, Roberts  
 6, Jacobs 6, Dyson 6, Gillespie 8, Wh. iton 6,  
 Daly 7 (sub. Butterworth 6), Melrose 6,  
 Thompson 6, Hunt 6  
 Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**NOTTINGHAM FOREST** (0) 1 (Birt 80)  
**STOKE** (0) 0  
 Att 17 122  
 Nott'm Forest: Van Breuke en 7, Anderson  
 8, Fairclough 7, Todd 7, Gunn 7, Hodge 8,  
 Proctor 7, Robertson 7 ★**WALSH** 8, Wallace  
 7 (sub. Ward 5), Birtles 7  
 Stoke: ★**FOX** 9, Parkin 6, Watson 5, Barry 5,  
 Dodd 6, Bracewell 7, McIlroy 6, McGuire 5,  
 Chamberlain 6 (sub. Hampton 5),  
 O'Callaghan 5, Chamberlain 5  
 Referee: J. Deak n (Bedford)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**SOUTHAMPTON** (0) 1 (Fashanu 57)  
**NOTTS COUNTY** (0) 0  
 Att 16,230  
 Southampton: Shilton 7, Rofe 7, Holmes 7,  
 ★**WILLIAMS** 8, Nicholl 7, Agbo 6, Ball 7,  
 Puckett 8, Fashanu 7, Armstrong 6, Lawrence  
 6  
 Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7,  
 Worthington 6, Hunt 6, Kildine 7, Richards 6,  
 Ch. edzie 6, Harkouk 6 (sub. Hooks 6),  
 McCulloch 6, Goodwin 7 ★**McPARLAND** 8  
 Referee: A. Gurn (Burgess Hill)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**SUNDERLAND** (0) 4 (Rowell 50, 74,  
 McCoist 69, Cooke 80)  
**NORWICH** (0) 1 (Bennett 87)  
 Att 13 144  
 Sunderland: Turner 6, Nicholl 7, Munro 6,  
 Ven son 6, Hindmarch 6, Elliott 7, Buckley 7,  
 Rowell 7, McCoist 7, Pickering 7, ★**COOKE**  
 8  
 Norwich: ★**WOODS** 8, Hay ock 6, Downes  
 6, McGuire 6, Walford 7, Walsh 7, Barham 6,  
 O'Neill 6, Deehan 6, Bertschin 6, Bennett 7  
 Referee: A. Chalmers (Maltby)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**SWANSEA** (0) 2 (Thompson 59, Latchford  
 72)  
**TOTTENHAM** (0) 0  
 Att 16,381  
 Swansea: Davies 7, Marusik 6, Lewis 7,  
 Charles 7, Kennedy 7, Mahoney 6, Curtis 6,  
 James 7, James, L. B, ★**THOMPSON** 8,  
 Latchford 7  
 Spurs: Clemence 6, Hughton 6, Lacy 6, Price  
 6, Brooke 6 (sub. O'Reilly 5), Perryman 6,  
 Mabbitt 7 ★**ARCHIBALD** 8, Hazard 5, Villa  
 6, Crooks 5  
 Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**WEST BROM** (0) 1 (Cross 68)  
**ASTON VILLA** (0) 0  
 Att 25,300  
 West Brom: Grew 7, Batson 6, Whitehead 6,  
 Zondervan 7, ★**BENNETT** 8, Robertson 7, Jol  
 7, Brown 7, Cross 7, Owen 7, Eastoe 7  
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Jones 7  
 ★**WILLIAMS** 8, Evans 7, McNaught 7,  
 Mortimer 7, Bremner 7, Shaw 5, Withe 7,  
 Cowans 6, Morley 6  
 Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)  
 Match Rating: ★★

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## Division Two

**BARNLEY** (1) 4 (Banks 15 67 Glavin 73 Cunningham 77)  
**FULHAM** (3) 3 (Hopkins 2 Wilson 5 Davies 7)  
 Att 12 582

**Barnley:** Horn 7 Law 6 Chambers 6 Glavin 8  
**\*BANKS** 9, McCarthy 6 Souter 6 Parker 6, Cunningham 8, Ronson 8 Burch 7  
**Fulham:** Peyton 6 Hopkins 7 Lock 6  
**O'Driscoll** 6, Brown 7 Gale 6, **\*DAVIES** 6, Wilson 7, Coney 6 Houghton 7 Lewington 6  
 Referee: M. Robson (Sutton Coldfield)  
 Match Rating: ★★★★★

**BLACKBURN** (1) 2 (Garner 24 Stonehouse pen 54)

**SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY** (1) 3 (Barnister pen 41 56 Megson 53)  
 Att 10 362

**Blackburn:** Gennoe 6, Brenagan 6 Rathbone 6, Randall 5, Mell 5, Fazackerley 6 Hamilton 5, (sub Miller 5), Stonehouse 6, Bel 6  
**\*GARNER** 7, Brotherston 6  
**Sheff Wed:** Bolder 6, Sterland 5, Bailey 5, Smith 5, Lyons 6, Shelton 5, Megson 6, Taylor 5, **\*BARNISTER** 7, Owen 5, Pearson 6  
 Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**BOLTON** (1) 1 (Hoggan 12)

**CRYSTAL PALACE** (0) 0

Att 5 804

**Bolton:** McDonald 6, Whitworth 6, Deakin 7, McGovern 7, Jones 7, McElhinney 7  
**\*CHANDLER** 9, Henry 6, Rudge 6, Reid 6, Hoggan 7  
**Crystal Palace:** Barron 7, Hinshelwood 6, Williams 5, Hughton 5, Cannon 5, Gilbert 6, Giles 5, Lovell 5, **\*EDWARDS** 8, Mabbutt 6, Hilaire 6  
 Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)  
 Match Rating: ★★

**CARLISLE** (0) 0

**WOLVES** (2) 2 (Smith 6 Livingstone 36)

Att 7 723

**Carlisle:** Swinburne 6, Parker 7, Hagg 6, Ashurst 7, Larkin 7, Craig 7, Stanforth 7

**\*LOUGHLIN** 8, Posket 7, Barndon 7

Shoulder 7

**Wolves:** Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 6

Smith 7, Pender 6, Coy 6, Daniel 7, Clarke 7

**\*LIVINGSTONE** 8, Eves 7, Matthews 7

Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

**CHARLTON** (0) 1 (White 84)

**DERBY** (0) 1 (Gamble 53)

Att 4 685

**Charlton:** Johns 7, Grit 5, Lansdowne 6

Ahmet 7, Elliott 6, Berry 5, **\*HARRIS** 8,

Eulivant 5, White 6, Walker 7, Ferns 4, (sub

Smith 5)

**Derby:** Banovic 7, Barton 5, Buckley 6, Attley 5

Foster 5, **\*POWELL** 9, Broly 7, Gamble 7

Hill 5, Swindlehurst 6, Dalziel 5

Referee: M. L. James (Horsham)

Match Rating: ★★

**CHELSEA** (2) 5 (Fillery 10, Speedie 25 88

Droy 52, Burnstead 53)

**\*GIMSBY** (1) 2 (Drinkall 18, Cumming 51)

Att 10 019

**Chelsea:** Francis 7, Lee 7, Hutchings 6

Chivers 7, Droy 8, McAndrew 7, Canoville 8

Burnstead 7, Walker 7, **\*SPEEDIE** 9, Fillery 8

**Grimsbury:** **\*BATCHEL** 8, Moore 6, D6 (sub

K. Moore 7), Crombie 6, Waters 6, Cooper 6

Moore, K. 7, Cumming 7, Whymark 7, Drinkall 7

7, Bonnyman 6, Speight 6

Referee: A. Robinson (Portsmouth)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

**LEEDS** (1) 2 (Butterworth 30, Hird 50)

**CAMBRIDGE** (1) 1 (Reilly 31)

Att 14 910

**Leeds:** Lukic 6, Dickinson 7, (sub Gavin 6)

Cherry 7, Burns 6, Han 7, Thomas 8, Hird 7

Butterworth 6, Worthington 6, Gray 7

**\*GRAHAM** 8

**Cambridge:** Webster 6, Donaldson 7, Murray 6

Turner 6, **\*FALLON** 8, Lockhart 7

Christie 6, Finney 7, Reilly 7, Smith 6, (sub

Streeter 6), Nicholls 7

Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)

Match Rating: ★★

**MIDDLESBROUGH** (0) 1 (Otto 48)

**OLDHAM** (1) 1 (Palmer 31)

Att 5 635

**Middlesbrough:** Plant 6, Brown 6, (sub

MacDonald) Bolton 7, Otto 7, Baxter 7, Wood

7, Mowbray 7, Cochrane 7, **\*HANKINS** 8

Kennedy 7, Bell 7

**Oldham:** Goram 7, Sinclair 7, Ryan 7

**\*KEEGAN** 8, Clements 7, Fletcher 7

McDonough 6, Atkinson 6, Steel 6, (sub

Bowden 5), Wyde 5, Palmer 7

Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)

Match Rating: ★★

**QPR** (0) 3 (Neil 47, Allen 56, Micklewhite 64)

**BURNLEY** (2) 2 (Steven 17 45)

Att 9 145

**QPR:** Hucker 6, Neil 8, Dawes 7, Waddock 7

Hazell 6, Fenwick 6, **\*MICKLEWHITE** 9

Stewart 8, Sealy 7, Allen 8, Gregory 8

**Burnley:** Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Wharton 7

Scott 6, Phelan 6, Holt 6, Dobson 7

**\*STEVENS** 8, Hamilton 7, Taylor 6, Young 6

Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

**ROTHERHAM** (0) 1 (McBride 79)

**NEWCASTLE** (2) 6 (Keegan 10 22, pen 57

72, Todd 75)

Att 12 436

**Rotherham:** Mountford 5, Forrest 6, Breckin 7

McEwan 6, Hughes 6, Green 6, Henson 6

**\*GOW** 8, Moore 6, Seasman 7, McBride 7

**Newcastle:** Carr 7, Anderson 6, Saunders 7

Martin 6, Clarke 7, Carney 6, **\*KEEGAN** 9,

Todd 7, Varadi 7, McDermott 8, Wharton 7

Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

**SHREWSBURY** (0) 0

**LEICESTER** (1) 2 (MacDonald 35, O'Neill 56)

Att 5 223

**Shrewsbury:** Ogrizovic 6, **\*WILLIAMS** 8,

Johnson 6, Potts 6, Leonard 5, (sub Turner 6)

Griffin 6, Cross 6, MacLaren 8, Brown 7

Stevens 6, Bates 6

**Leicester:** Wallington 7, Ramsey 6, Friar 6

MacDonald 7, May 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6

Lineker 6, Kelly 6, **\*ENGLISH** 8, Wilson 6

Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

## Division Three

**BRISTOL ROVERS** (2) 4 (Randall 3 80

Parkin 30, Williams 6 51)

**BRADFORD** (0) 1 (Campbell 61)

Att 4 451

**Bristol Rovers:** Kite 7, Slater 6, Williams 6

7, Williams 6, G. Parkin 6, McCaffery 7

Holloway 6, **\*WILLIAMS** 8, Kelly 7, (sub

Stephens 6), Randall 7, Barrett 7

**Bradford:** McManus 7, Podd 6, Chapman 7

Lester 7, Hope 6, McFarland 6, Gray 7,

Gallagher 6, **\*CAMPBELL** 8, McNiven 7

Mellor 6, (sub Jackson 6)

Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

Sending Off: McFarland (Bradford)

**EXETER** (2) 2 (Rogers 34, Pullar 41)

**CHESTERFIELD** (0) 3 (Walker 61 65

Henderson 79)

Att 2 389

**Exeter:** Bond 4, Rogers 6, M. Viney 4

McEwan 5, Hatter 5, Roberts 5, Harle 5

**\*ROGERS** 7, Kellow 6, Delve 6, Pullar 5

**Chesterfield:** Turner 5, Bellamy 6, Partridge 6

Wilson 7, Green 7, Pollard 7, **\*WALKER** 8

Henderson 7, Stirk 7, Kowalski 7

Windridge 6, (sub Dawson)

Referee: J. Martin (Alton)

Match Rating: ★★

**MILLWALL** (1) 3 (Shinton 41, Aylott 54

Massey 70)

**HUDDERSFIELD** (0) 0

Att 3 004

**Millwall:** Sansome 7, Stevens 7, Madden 7

Massey 8, Allardice 7, Roberts 7, Shinton 7

Neal 7, **\*AYLOTT** 9, Martin 8, West 7

**Huddersfield:** **\*COX** 9, Brown 6, Burke 6

Pugh 6, Sutton 5, Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, Doyle 6

Russell 7, Wilson 6, Cowling 8, (sub Stanton 6)

Referee: T. V. Spencer (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

**NEWPORT** (0) 1 (Tynan 65)

**LINCOLN** (0) 0

Att 3 749

**Newport:** Kendall 6, Jones 6, Relish 7, Bailey 7

Oakes 6, Davies 6, Lowndes 7, Aldridge 7

**\*TYNAN** 8, Vaughan 7, Elsey 5, (sub

Moore 6)

**Lincoln:** Felgate 7, Carr 7, Nea 6, Cockerill 7

**\*PEAKE** 8, Thompson 6, Hibberd 6, (sub

Beaven 6), Turner 6, Naylor 6, Heath 6

Sh play 6

Referee: A. Hamill (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★

**ORIENT** (0) 1 (Donn 61)

**DONCASTER** (0) 0

Att 1 846

**Orient:** **\*DAY** 8, Osgood 6, Roffey 7, Foster 7

Smith 7, Cunningham 6, Godfrey 7, Donn 7

Blackhall 8, Siskman 6, McNeil 6

**Doncaster:** Boyd 7, **\*RUSSELL** 8, Snodin 6

7, Snodin 6, Lister 7, Dowd 6, Austin 6

Humphrey 6, Douglas 6, Graham 7, Little 7

Referee: L. Shapter (Devon)

Match Rating: ★★

**OXFORD** (0) 2 (Fogg 56, Brock 83)

**CARDIFF** (1) 2 (Shotton 35, Miller 88)

Att 6 018

**Oxford:** Burton 6, Linney 6, Fogg 6, Train 6

Briggs 7, Shotton 5, Brock 6, **\*BARNETT** 8

Vinter 7, Biggins 5, (sub Thomas), Hibberd 6

**Cardiff:** Thomas 6, Jones 5, Bodin 6, M. Cahill 6

6, Dwyer 5, Mullen 6, Bennett 6, (sub

Ingram) Tong 5, Gibbins 5, **\*HEMMERMAN** 7

Lewis 6

Referee: M. Dumblebee (Stevenage)

Match Rating: ★★★★★

**READING** (2) 2 (Donlon 10, 16)

**PRESTON** (1) 3 (Elliott 23, 71, Bruce 87)

Att 1 713

**Reading:** Fearon 6, Williams 6, Henderson 6

Beaven 5, Barnes 4, White 7, Dawry 5

Farles 5, Dixon 7, Sanchez 5, **\*ROBINSON** 8

**Preston:** Litchfield 5, Walsh 6, McAteer 6

Coleman 6, Westwell 6, Gowing 6, Kelly 6

Bell 6, **\*ELLIOTT** 9, Noughton 7, Houston 6

(sub Bruce 5)

Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)

Match Rating: ★★

**SHEFFIELD UNITED** (0) 0

**GILLINGHAM** (0) 2 (Weatherly 52, Bruce 63)

Att 12 319

**Sheff Utd:** Conroy 6, Atkins 7, **\*GARNER** 8

McHale 6, Houston 7, Kenworthy 6, Morris 7

Arnott 6, (sub Hutton 6), Edwards 6, Young 6

Braz 17

**Gillingham:** Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 7

Bruce 7, Shaw 7, Sutton 6, Powell 7, Johnson 7

7, Cascarino 6, Grewcock 7, **\*WEATHERLY** 8

Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancs)

Match Rating: ★★

**WALSALL** (0) 2 (Kearns 64, Shakespeare 77)

**BRENTFORD** (0) 1 (Kamara 87)

Att 2 723

**Walsall:** Green 7, Caswell 7, Mower 6, Beech 6

**\*MARSHALL** 8, Hart 7, Shakespeare 7

Pendry 7, (sub Round 7), Kearns 7, Buckley 7

7, Preece 6

**Brentford:** Roche 6, Rowe 7, Wilkins 7

McNichol 6, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 7, Kamara 7

7, Joseph 7, Mahoney 7, (sub Booker 6)

Bowles 7, **\*ROBERTS** 8

Referee: R. Guy (Kiry)

Match Rating: ★★

Sending Off: Whitehead (Brentford)

**WIGAN** (2) 3 (Bradd 31 44



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## Division Four

**BLACKPOOL (1) 2** (Hockaday 10, Bamber 66)  
**DARLINGTON (0) 0**  
 Att 4,059  
 Blackpool: Hesford 7, Simmon 7, Hart 6, Jeffrey 6. \*HETZKE 8, Serilla 6. Hockaday 7, Stewart 5, Bamber 8, Pash 8, Downes 7.  
 Darlington: Cuff 8, Gilbert 7, Wilson 7, Smith 7, Halliday 6, Kamara 7, Walker 6, McLean 7, Dunn 7 (sub Brisett 6). \*WALSH 9.  
 McFadden 6.  
 Referee: R F Nixon (Warrat).  
 Match Rating: ★★

**HEREFORD (0) 0**  
**YORK (0) 0**  
 Att 2,037  
 Hereford: \*PLUMLEY 9, Spring 7, Bray 7, Hicks 8, Pejc 7, Bartley 6, Crabbe 6, Harvey 6, Phillips 6, Showers 6, White 7.  
 York: \*JONES 8, Evans 7, Hay 7, Sbragia 7, Crosby 7, Hood 6, Pollard 7, Ford 7, Walwyn 7, Byrne 7, Laverick 6.  
 Referee: K P Barrett (Coventry).  
 Match Rating: ★★

**HULL (0) 0**  
**SWINDON (0) 0**  
 Att 3,786  
 Hull: Norman 6. \*MCNEIL 8, Askew 6, Roberts 6, D 7, Skipper 7, Booth 6, Marwood 6, McClearen 5, Whitehurst 4, Mutie 5, Roberts 6.  
 Swindon: Alan 6, Henry 7, Baddeley 7, Emmanuel 6. \*LEWIS 8, Graham 7, Pritchard 4, Batty 7, Rudebui 6, Row 6, Barnard 5.  
 Referee: T A Jones (Macclesfield).  
 Match Rating: ★★  
 Sending Off: Pritchard (Swindon).

**NORTHAMPTON (0) 1** (Massey 86)  
**ALDRSHOT (1) 1** (Goddard 35)  
 Att 1,705  
 Northampton: Freeman 6, Saxby 7, Phillips 8, Gage 6, Burrows 7, Cottill 6, Saunders 6, Buchanan 6, Syrett 7. \*MASSEY 9, Nelson 5 (sub Denyer 6).  
 Aldershot: Johnson 8, Andrzejewski 6, G 7, \*BRILEY 9, Wood 7, Scott 6, Sanford 6, Banton 6, Goddard 7, McDonald 6, Brodie 6.  
 Referee: D W Civil (Birmingham).  
 Match Rating: ★★

**PETERBOROUGH (2) 3** (Benjamin 15, Gynn 22, 84)  
**BRISTOL CITY (0) 0**  
 Att 2,739  
 Peterborough: Seaman 6, Qlow 7, Collins 6, Firm 6. \*GYNN 8, Rodaway 7, Slack 6, Linton 6 (sub Clegg 6), Cooke 6, Benamin 7, Chard 6.  
 Bristol City: Shaw 6, Stevens 5 (sub Chandler 5), Johnson 7, Williams 6, Boyle 6, Riley 6, Economou 6. \*THOMPSON 8, Pans 6, Ritchie 7, Newman 6.  
 Referee: K Baker (Rugby).  
 Match Rating: ★★  
 Sending Off: Economou (Bristol City).

**PORT VALE (2) 2** (Newton 39, Armstrong 42)  
**STOCKPORT (0) 3** (Power 81, 78, Phillips 65)  
 Att 3,474  
 Port Vale: Siddal 7, Tarr 6, Bromage 7. \*HUNTER 8, Sproson 6, Cegielski 5, Earle 5, Moss 5 (sub Lawrence 7), Newton 7, Greenhoff 6, Armstrong 6.  
 Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 6, Sherlock 6, Emerson 7 (sub Quinn 7), Bowes 7, Thorpe 6, Williams 7, Phillips 7. \*POWER 8, Park 6, Smith 6.  
 Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).  
 Match Rating: ★★

**ROCHDALE (0) 0**  
**BURY (0) 0**  
 Att 3,207  
 Rochdale: \*PEARCE 9, Keenan 7, Snookes 7, Farrell 7, Garner 8, Williams 7, Thompson 6, Hamilton 7, Hudditch 6, Welings 6, Comstive 7.  
 Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 6, Kenworthy 6. \*GORE 7, Hilton 6, Braham 15, Firth 6, Madden 6, Johnson 6, Jakub 6, Cruickshank 6.  
 Referee: P Willis (Meadowfield).  
 Match Rating: ★★

**SCUNTHORPE (1) 2** (O Berg 34, Angus 47)  
**COLCHESTER (0) 1** (Osborne 50)  
 Att 2,616  
 Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Keeley 6. \*POINTON 8, Fowler 6, Boxall 7, Hunter 7, O Berg 7, Cammick 6, Gowl 6, Angus 6, Leman 7.  
 Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Coleman 7, Groves 7, Wignall 7, Hunter 6, Allinson 6. \*OSBORNE 8, Lyons 6, Bremner 7, Leslie 6.

(sub McDonough 6).  
 Referee: A Robinson (Manchester).  
 Match Rating: ★★  
**TORQUAY (1) 3** (Cooper 40, Gallagher 58, Doyle pen 61)  
**HARTLEPOOL (2) 2** (Brown 2, Hogan 15)  
 Att 2,051  
 Torquay: \*HORN 8, Doyle 7, Smith 6, Wilson 6, Wigginton 6, Brown 6, Grapes 7, Sermann 5 (sub Riach 7), Cooper 7, Anderson 7, Gallagher 7.  
 Hartlepool: Watson 6, Brown 7, Stimpson 6, Hogan 6, Bird 6. \*LINIGHAN 8.  
 Bainbridge 6, Smith 6, Higgins 7, Lawrence 7, Johnson 7.  
 Referee: D Lettis (Basingstoke).  
 Match Rating: ★★  
 Sendings Off: Hogan, Johnson, Smith (Hartlepool).

**TRANMERE (0) 0**  
**WIMBLEDON (1) 2** (Leslie 23, Gage 75)  
 Att 1,281  
 Tranmere: Enderby 6, Burgess 6, Mooney 6 (sub Maguire 6), Ferguson 6, Hamilton 7, Williams 6, Powell 6, Prosser 5, Kerr 5. \*ASPINALL 8, Griffiths 6.  
 Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Peters 6, Thomas 7, Galliers 7, Jones 6, Morris 6, Evans 6 (sub Gage 6), Ketteridge 6. \*LESLIE 8, Downes 7, Hodges 7.  
 Referee: D Hutchinson (Harrowgate).  
 Match Rating: ★★

## SCOTTISH Premier Division

**ABERDEEN (0) 2** (Cowan 54, Miller 90)  
**MOTHERWELL (1) 1** (Edvaldsson 26)  
 Att 8,000  
 Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvi 7 (sub Watson), McMaster 6, McLeish 6, Miller 7, Strachan 8, Simpson 6. \*MC GHEE 8.  
 Motherwell: Sproat 7, McLeod 6, Forsyth 6, Carson 4. \*EDVALDSSON 8, ReHerty 6, Clinging 7 (sub Coyne), Flavell 6, McClelland 6, Conn 6 (sub Clelland), O'Hara 6.  
 Referee: D Ramsay (Edinburgh).  
 Match Rating: ★★

**DUNDEE UNITED (0) 2** (Dodds 77, Milne 30)  
**CELTIC (1) 2** (McStay 20, Aitken 46)  
 Att 20,000  
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Gough 6, Hegarty 6, Narey 7, Stark 6, Kirkwood 7, Malpas 7, Bannan 7 (sub Holt 6, sub Bratton 6), Sturrock 7, Dodds 6. \*MILNE 8.  
 Celtic: Bonner 7, McGraw 7, McAdam 6, Sinclair 6, Reid 6. \*AITKEN 8, McStay 7, MacLeod 7, Proven 6, McGarvey 8 (sub McCluskey 5), Nicholas 6.  
 Referee: D P Syme (Rutherglen).  
 Match Rating: ★★

**HIBERNIAN (1) 1** (Thomson 14)  
**MORTON (0) 2** (Ritchie 68, McMan 80)  
 Att 4,000  
 Hibs: McArthur 7. \*SNEDDON 8, Duncan 6, McNamara 7, Rae 6, Turnbull 6, Calachan 6, Irvine 6, Jamieson 6, Thomson 6, Murray 5, Morton 6, Barnes 7, Houston 7, Holmes 6, McLaughlin 7, Duffly 7, Jackson 7. \*MCNAB 8, Docherty 6, Hutchison 6 (sub Cochrane), Rooney 7, Ritchie 7.  
 Referee: M Deane (Clerland).  
 Match Rating: ★★

**RANGERS (0) 1** (Johnstone 54)  
**DUNDEE (0) 1** (Fraser 63)  
 Att 16,000  
 Rangers: Stewart 7, McKinnon 6, Dawson 6, McClelland 7, McAdam 6, Bett 7, Cooper 6. \*PRYTZ 8, Johnstone 6, Russel 7, MacDonald 6.  
 Dundee: Kelly 7, Glennie 6, Scrimgeour 7. \*FRASER 8, Smith 6, MacDonald 6, Ferguson 7, Fleming 7, Davidson 6, Mackie 6, Stephen 7.  
 Referee: G B Smith (Edinburgh).  
 Match Rating: ★★

**ST MIRREN (2) 3** (McDougall 8, Stark 43, McAvennie 60)  
**KILMARNOCK (2) 2** (McLean pen 20, Mauchlen 28)  
 Att 3,564  
 St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, McCormack 6, Fitzpatrick 6, McAvennie 7, Copland 7. \*MCDUGALL 8, Stark 7, McAvennie 5, Richardson 7, Scanlon 7.  
 Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7. \*MCDICKEN 8, Armstrong 7, MacLeod 6, Clark 7, Clarke 6, Bryson 5, McLean 5, Bourke 6, Mauchlen 7, Gallagher 6 (sub McGivern 6).  
 Referee: J Renton (Cowdenbeath).  
 Match Rating: ★★

## First Division

**AIRDRIE (1) 1** (Rodger 32)  
**DUNFERMINE (0) 1** (Blackie 90)  
 Att 1,100  
 Ayr (1) 1 (McNally 19)  
**CLYDEBANK (0) 3** (Coyne 67, 84, Treanor pen 80)  
 Att 1,200  
 Clyde (0) 0  
**DUMBARTON (3) 4** (Donnelly pen 6, 27, 41, Blair 78)  
 Att 607  
 Hamilton (0) 1 (McDowell 47)  
 Partick (0) 2 (Johnston 53, 79)  
 Att 1,063  
 Queens Park (1) 1 (McFarland 43)  
 Alloa (1) 2 (Purdie 42, Woods og 78)  
 Att 800

**HAITH (0) 1** (Harris 63)  
**HEARTS (0) 0**  
 Att 3,000  
 St Johnstone (1) 4 (Petosi 33, Brogan 47, Brannan 67, McNeil 86)  
 Falkirk (0) 0  
 Att 2,047

## Second Division

**ARBROATH (0) 1** (Steele 63)  
**ALBION (0) 0**  
 Att 695  
 Cowdenbeath (2) 2 (Liddle 23, Miller pen 43)  
 Forfar (0) 1 (Clark 47)  
 Att 450  
 East Stirling (1) 1 (McCaig 14)  
 Albion Rovers (0) 1 (Gibson pen 89)  
 Att 250

**MEADOWBANK (0) 0**  
**EAST FIFE (1) 2** (Scott 26, 80)  
 Att 500  
 Montrose (2) 3 (Barr 27, Fletcher 40, Copeland 73)  
 Stranraer (1) 1 (Sweeney 18)  
 Att 270  
 Queen of the South (0) 1 (Busby 60)  
 Berwick (2) 2 (Davidson 5, McSherry 43)  
 Att 700  
 Stenhousemuir (1) 2 (Murray 12, Mun 51)  
 Brechin (1) 2 (Campbell 38, 85)  
 Att 350

Division One												
	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Liverpool	8	3	1	0	14	5	2	1	1	5	1	17
Man Utd	8	3	1	0	5	2	1	1	1	6	4	17
Wolves	8	4	0	0	15	1	1	1	2	5	5	16
West Ham	8	2	1	1	11	4	3	0	1	7	4	15
West Brom	8	3	0	1	10	3	2	0	2	6	5	15
Man City	8	3	0	1	5	2	0	2	5	7	15	15
Tottenham	8	2	1	1	12	5	2	0	2	4	6	13
Stoke	8	2	1	1	10	5	2	0	2	7	5	12
Aston Villa	8	3	0	1	11	3	1	0	3	1	7	12
Wolves Forest	8	3	0	1	7	3	1	0	3	7	13	12
Brighton	8	3	1	0	6	3	0	1	3	2	16	11
Luton	8	2	1	1	11	5	0	3	1	10	13	10
Coventry	8	2	1	1	6	4	0	3	4	7	10	10
Swansea	8	3	0	1	8	4	0	1	3	2	8	10
Sunderland	8	2	1	1	6	3	0	1	3	5	13	10
Ipswich	8	1	1	2	5	8	1	2	1	9	5	9
Everton	8	2	2	0	11	4	0	0	4	3	9	8
Arsenal	8	1	1	2	5	8	1	1	2	3	9	8
Notts County	8	2	1	1	2	6	0	1	3	4	8	8
Southampton	8	2	1	2	3	5	0	1	3	1	12	7
Norwich	8	1	1	2	8	7	0	2	2	3	10	6
Birmingham	8	1	2	1	3	5	0	0	4	1	14	5

Division Two												
	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Wolves	8	4	0	0	11	1	2	2	0	3	0	20
Grimsby	8	3	1	0	8	1	3	0	1	10	8	19
Sheff Wed	8	3	0	1	11	7	3	0	1	10	6	18
Q.P.R.	8	3	1	1	9	8	2	1	1	3	2	17
Fulham	8	2	2	0	9	4	2	0	2	8	14	14
Leeds	8	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	1	7	14	14
Chelsea	8	2	2	0	8	3	1	1	2	4	12	14
Barnsley	8	2	1	0	8	4	1	2	1	4	12	12
Cardiff	8	1	2	1	4	4	2	2	0	7	12	12
Leicester	8	1	0	3	7	4	2	1	1	7	10	10
Q.ham	8	1	2	1	4	4	1	2	1	5	10	10
Carlisle	8	2	0	2	10	8	1	1	2	5	10	10
Shrewsbury	8	2	0	2	4	5	1	0	3	3	6	9
Blackburn	8	2	0	2	9	7	1	0	3	3	10	9
Rotherham	8	1	1	2	6	10	1	1	1	4	5	9
Charlton	8	1	1	2	4	5	1	1	2	6	8	8
Burnley	8	1	1	2	6	5	1	0	2	6	7	7
Bolton	8	2	0	2	6	5	0	1	3	1	8	7
Cambridge	8	1	2	1	3	5	0	0	5	4	11	5
Derby	8	1	1	2	3	6	0	1	2	3	7	5
Middlesbrough	8	0	1	3	4	13	0	2	2	3	8	3

## Division Three

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Luton	8	4	0	0	11	2	0	2	3	4	19	8
Oxford	8	2	0	8	3	3	0	1	5	4	17	6
Cardiff	8	3	0	1	8	4	2	1	1	8	7	6
Southend	8	4	0	0	11	2	1	0	3	4	16	15
Portsmouth	8	3	0	1	10	3	1	2	1	5	6	14
Hartford City	8	3	0	1	9	5	1	1	2	5	8	14
Newport	8	3	0	5	3	1	1	2	4	7	14	7
Walsingham	8	1	0	1	7	4	0	1	3	2	11	13
Brentford	8	3	1	0	12	4	0	2	2	7	9	12
Wigan	8	3	0	1	10	6	1	0	3	9	10	12
Townsmouth	8	2	1	1	5	2	1	0	3	2	6	10
Preston	8	2	1	1	9	4	1	0	3	6	11	10
Orient	8	2	1	1	8	4	1	0	3	9	11	10
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Huddersfield	8	2	2	0	11	3	0	1	3	2	6	9
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Exeter	8	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	3	1	5	6
Reading	8	1	2	1	6	6	0	0	4	7	15	5

## Division Four

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Torquay	8	4	0	0	11	1	2	1	3	5	17	8
Wimbledon	8	2	2	0	8	5	2	2	0	7	2	16
Burnley	8	3	0	1	8	3	1	4	0	5	2	15
Scunthorpe	8	2	2	0	8	5	2	2	0	5	2	15
Colchester	8	3	1	0	8	2	1	2	1	2	2	15
Walsley	8	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	5	4	14
Walsley	8	2	1				4	2		1		14
Chesler	8	2	1	1	7	2	1		3	3	3	12
Burnley	8	2	2	0	8	5	2	2	0	5	2	15
Blackpool	8	2	2	0	8	5	2	1	2	4	7	12
Kull	8	1	3	0	6	2	1		4	4	11	8
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York	8	2	2	0	7	5	0	1		1	5	11
Warrington	8	2	2	0	7	5	0	1		1	5	11
Darlington	8	2	2	0	7	5	0	1		5	5	10
Peterborough	8	2	1	1	6	5	0	1		2	4	10
Norwich	8	1	2	1	3	3	1		3	3	8	9
Stockport	8	2	0	3	1	4	1		3	4	9	7
Crews	8	1	2	3	7	9	1		0	3	1	8
Rochdale	8	1	2	3	3	2	0	1		3	1	8
Tramers	8	1	1	1	6	0	0	1		3	1	8
Bristol City	8	1	1	2	2	0	1		4	1	0	5
Mersford	8	0	2	2	1	0	0	4		3	1	5





Gary Bailey — on course for a hat-trick in our exclusive 'Top Stoppers' table.

Right: Steve Sherwood — Watford's number one is joint first in our First Division chart.

THE race is on to find Match Weekly's top stopper — the goalkeeper with the safest hands in soccer.

We've compiled exclusive tables — so popular with the fans over the past two seasons — which indicate who has been performing best between the sticks in the early season League matches.

And we'll be updating the tables as the season progresses.



# THE SAFEST HANDS IN SOCCER

GARY Bailey, Manchester United's talented young goalkeeper, is right on course to retain our title as the First Division's safest goalkeeper.

The England 'B' international, chasing a hat-trick of success in our exclusive charts, shares top spot after the opening weeks with West Ham's Phil Parkes and First Division newcomer Steve Sherwood of Watford.

All three conceded just five goals in the opening six First Division matches — an average of 108 minutes play between each goal.

Leading the chasing group is Liverpool's Bruce Grobbelaar, second to Bailey last season. Arsenal's Scottish international George Wood and Coventry's Les Sealey.

England's number one, Peter Shilton, is well down the list after a disastrous start with his new club, Southampton.

However, the 'keeper with the best record in the Football League is Wolves' new £75,000 capture John Burridge.

Burridge, second in our Division Two chart last season despite losing his place at Q.P.R. to Peter Hucker at the turn of the year, let in just one goal in six matches, including five successive clean sheets.

Not far behind was another experienced 'keeper, Colchester's Mike Walker, who conceded just one Fourth Division goal in his first five outings.

Leading the way in the Third Division is Oxford's Roy Burton with just two goals conceded in five games — an average of 225 minutes between each goal.

In the Scottish Premier Division, there is a three-way tie. Dundee United's Hamish McAlpine wasn't beaten in his first three matches but Celtic's Pat Bonner and Hibernian's Jim McArthur are right with him having let in just one goal each in the opening games.

THE first column after the 'keeper's name shows the number of League games each goalkeeper has played.

The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column is the average number of minutes play between each goal.

For instance, Everton's Nev Southall had conceded, on average, one goal every 77 minutes after six First Division matches.

Only League matches played up to and including those on September 21 have been used in the compilation of these tables.

## DIVISION ONE

Keeper	Games	Gls	Mins played per goal
1 Gary Bailey (Man. United)	6	5	108
1 Phil Parkes (West Ham)	6	5	108
1 Steve Sherwood (Watford)	6	5	108
4 Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool)	6	6	90
4 Les Sealey (Coventry)	4	4	90
4 George Wood (Arsenal)	6	6	90
7 Nev Southall (Everton)	6	7	77
7 Chris Turner (Sunderland)	6	7	77
9 Raddy Avramovic (Notts County)	6	8	68
9 Ray Clemence (Tottenham)	6	8	68
9 Mark Grew (West Brom)	6	8	68
12 Peter Fox (Stoke)	6	9	60
13 Paul Cooper (Ipswich)	5	8	56
14 Dai Davies (Swansea)	6	10	54
14 Chris Woods (Norwich)	6	10	54
16 Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)	6	11	49
17 Hans Van Breukelen (Nott'm For.)	4	8	45
18 Peter Shilton (Southampton)	6	13	42
19 Perry Digweed (Brighton)	4	10	36
20 Jim Blyth (Birmingham)	6	17	32
21 Jake Findlay (Luton)	5	14	32

(Goalkeepers must have played at least four League matches to qualify, and that's why no Manchester City goalkeeper is included in this table)

## DIVISION TWO

Keeper	Games	Gls	Mins played per goal
1 John Burridge (Wolves)	6	1	540
2 Steve Francis (Chelsea)	6	3	180
3 Nigel Batch (Grimsby)	5	3	150
3 Gerry Peyton (Fulham)	5	3	150
5 Martin Hodge (Oldham)	4	3	120
6 John Lukic (Leeds)	5	4	113

## DIVISION THREE

Keeper	Games	Gls	Mins played per goal
1 Roy Burton (Oxford)	5	2	225
2 Alan Knight (Portsmouth)	5	3	150
3 David Felgate (Lincoln)	5	4	113
4 Kenny Allen (Bournemouth)	5	5	90
4 John Turner (Chesterfield)	5	5	90

## DIVISION FOUR

Keeper	Games	Gls	Mins played per goal
1 Mike Walker (Colchester)	5	1	450
2 Barry Siddall (Port Vale)	5	2	225
3 David Brown (Bury)	5	3	150
3 Graham Horn (Torquay)	5	3	150
3 Grenville Millington (Chester)	5	3	150
4 Joe Neenan (Scunthorpe)	5	3	150

## SCOTTISH PREMIER

Keeper	Games	Gls	Mins played per goal
1 Hamish McAlpine (Dundee U)	3	0	270
1 Pat Bonner (Celtic)	3	1	270
1 Jim McArthur (Hibernian)	3	1	270
4 Jim Stewart (Rangers)	3	2	135

(Three matches is the qualification mark in the Scottish Premier Division).



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# THE STIFFENER!

'MATCH' talks to the up and coming young player brought in to bolster Birmingham's sagging defence...

**JAMAICA-born Noel Blake is out to bring a little West Indies-style sun into the lives of the Birmingham faithful.**

With a meagre four points from the first seven matches and one of the worst defensive records in the League to boot, the dark clouds are already gathering over St Andrews.

But Noel, a £35,000 capture from rivals Aston Villa in September, says: "There's nothing wrong that a couple of good wins can't put right."

"The players are still full of confidence and, even after the bad start we've had, there's no reason why we can't pick up."

Noel certainly made a timely debut for his new club, because it coincided with Birmingham's first victory of the season — a 1-0 triumph over near-neighbours Coventry.

"I was quite pleased with my opening game," says the powerful 20-year-old centre-half.

"We won, which is the main thing. We desperately needed to get something from that match. It took us off the bottom and relieved the pressure a little."

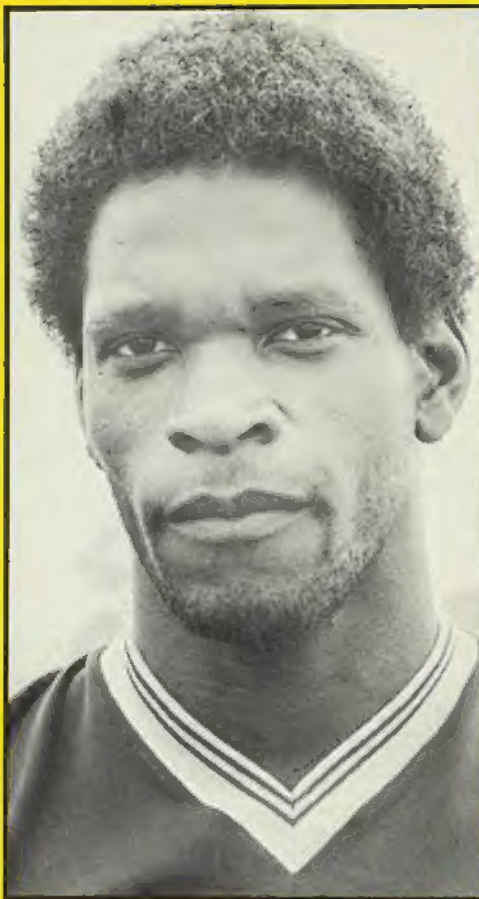
"I would like to think that I boosted a sagging defence which had let in 17 goals in the first five matches. I'm not being boastful, but I don't think anything came through the middle and I won everything in the air."

"Obviously that's why Ron Saunders bought me. He said that the side had been letting a few goals in down the middle and that I could do a good job for him by tightening things up at the back."

"My strengths lie in my heading and my tackling. My weaknesses are probably distribution of the ball and lack of concentration. But I'll gradually overcome those two faults by playing more first team football."

Noel has lived in Birmingham since he was nine and joined Aston Villa straight from school.

He was groomed by Bill Shorthouse,



Noel Blake — no regrets at leaving Aston Villa.

who played centre-half for Wolves in the halcyon days of Billy Wright and company, and Noel says:

"He really brought me on. He worked with me in my spare time and you could say he made me the player I am today."

But in his four years at Villa Park,

Noel played just four First Division games.

"The opportunity of first team football was very limited due to the fact there are four or five centre-halves at Villa," says Noel.

"For instance, Brendon Ormsby has been at the club much longer than I have and even he can't break into the first team on a regular basis."

"So there are no regrets at leaving Villa. I was playing well, week in, week out and not getting anywhere. I was stuck in the reserves."

"And when the chance came for me to play first team football, I grabbed it with both hands."

"My transfer was very swift. I'd been injured for two weeks and had just started training again. The manager, Tony Barton, asked me if I was fit and I said I was all right."

"He called me into his office and told me that he'd had a word with Ron Saunders. They'd agreed on a fee and it was up to me whether I wanted to go or not."

"I came to St. Andrews, spoke to Ron Saunders and signed for him the following day."

"Naturally, I'm delighted with the move, and who wouldn't be? I didn't even have to move house."

"I've rejoined my former manager and I like playing for him. He wants me to play to my strengths, which he knows."

"To put it in a nutshell, Ron Saunders wants me to play for him and that's good enough for me."

Noel admits he has always had a close affinity with Birmingham City. "As a schoolboy, I used to support them from the Tilton Road end of the ground. All my mates were Blues fans, so I used to go with them and cheer the lads on."

"Even when I signed for Villa, I still went to watch Birmingham's night matches."

"Now I'm just looking forward to staying in the side for as long as I can. I can assure everyone I'll be playing my heart out for Birmingham City."

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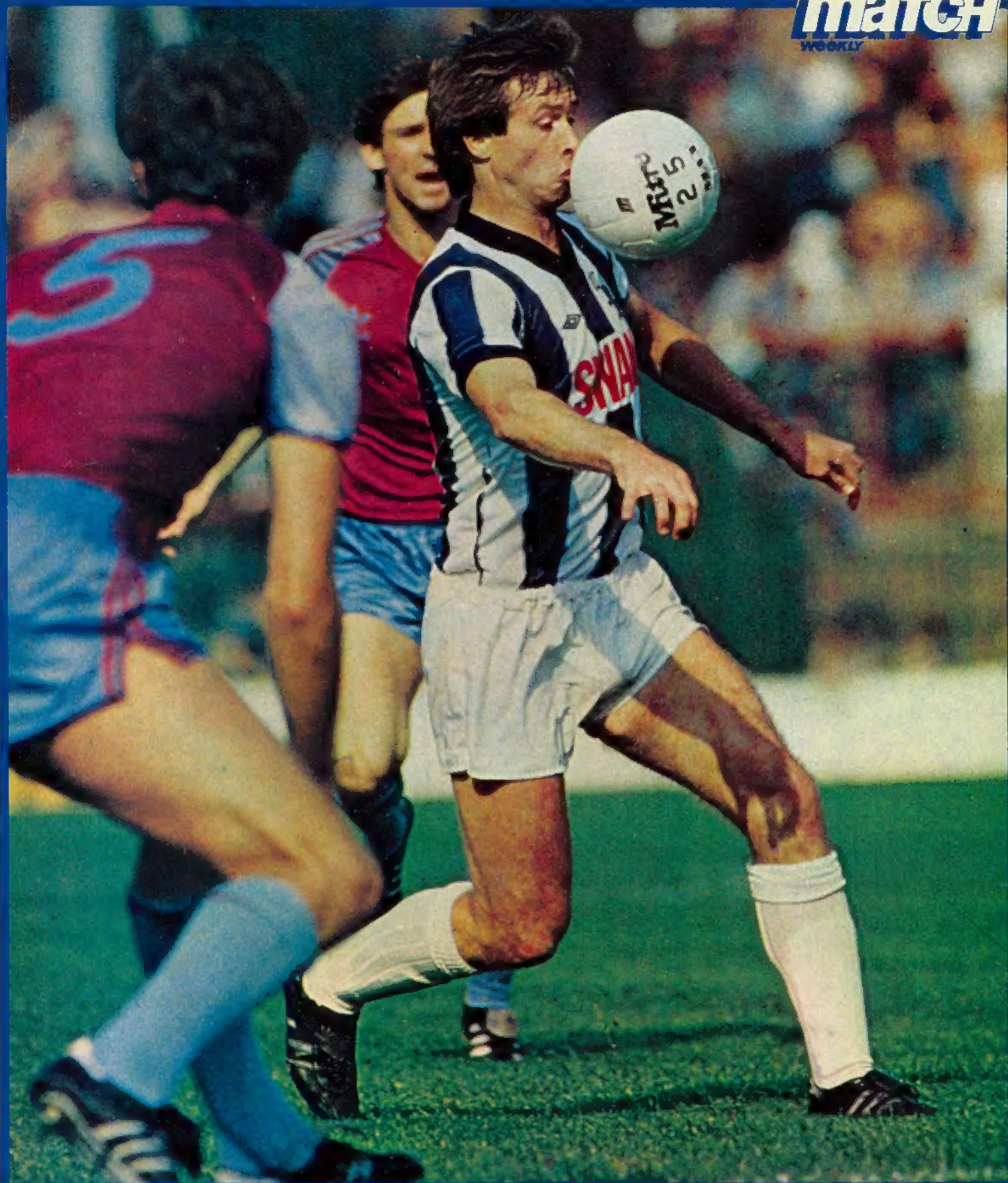
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